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INTRODUCTION

As students complete high school and begin adult life, they and their families face many options and decisions about the future. For students with disabilities, these choices may be complex and require a great deal of planning. The most common choices for the future involve pursuing vocational training or further academic education, getting a job, and living independently.[1]

The transition process, mandated by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Special Education Regulations and Standards, insures that this planning process occurs. Students, parents, schools, and community resources work collaboratively to guarantee that the student entering the adult world has every opportunity to succeed.

MOVING ON, A Directory of Transition Resources, provides information about agencies, programs, and services to those individuals involved in the transition process. This fifth edition, updated and expanded, reflects the continuing interest in and recognition of the importance of transition planning. This directory is not to be considered an exhaustive listing of all available resources.

Previous editions contained listings for agencies providing a wide variety of human services available to persons in our community. This edition will attempt to return more faithfully to our original intent and limit listings to those dealing with issues involving individuals with disabilities and transition. Should information about other services be needed, we refer you to the United Way of Bucks County's Human Services Directory, 215-949-1660, 215-348-4810, 215-538-1266 or online at www.uwbcpa.org.

The Bucks County Intermediate Unit does not recommend any specific service contained herein. This directory is a representative sampling of the best information available at printing. The user of this directory should thoroughly investigate any service provider prior to contracting and/or registering for agency services.

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[1] NICHY Transition Summary: Transition Planning: A Team Effort, January 1999

JOB TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

A. P. ORLEANS CENTER

1330 Rhawn Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

215-728-4400
Fax: 215-728-4485

Services: Vocational evaluation and counseling, paid work training, job placement, social skills enhancement. Attendant Care Program provides personal care activities, daily living skills, ancillary care, such as feeding, bathing, and/or dressing.

Fee: Sliding scale

ADVANCE LANE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT CORP. (ALTEC)

3151 Advance Lane
Colmar, PA 18915

215-822-6417
Fax: 215-822-6397

www.altecservices.org

Services: Provides an individualized plan to support individuals with employment needs. Includes, but not limited to, interview skills, finding and securing a job and on-the-job training.

Eligibility: Individuals age 18 and over who may face challenges in finding, securing, and maintaining employment.

Fee: Varies

AHEDD

Neshaminy Plaza I
3070 Bristol Pike, Suite 120

Bensalem, PA 19020

215-244-3041

www.ahedd.org

100 Old York Road
Benson East, Suite 1-128

Jenkintown, PA 19046

215-885-2060

E-Mail: bensalem.pa@ahedd.org (Bensalem)
philadelphia.pa@ahedd.org (Jenkintown)

Services: On-the-job training, job coaching, follow up, job seeking skills, training, job retention, and upgrading skills.

Eligibility: Individuals with a disability which causes them to have difficulty in finding and keeping jobs.

Fee: Funded through MH/MR and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

AMERICA'S JOB LINE
National Federation of the Blind (nfb) and US Dept. of Labor
1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230
800-414-5748; 410-659-9314

www.nfb.org/jobline/enter.html
E-Mail: nfb@nfb.org

Services: A free service. Call the 800 telephone number and get listings of job opportunities throughout the United States.

Fee: None

APPLIED SKILLS INDUSTRIES
105 Tomlinson Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006
215-938-7767
Fax: 215-938-0480

Services: Vocational training for developmentally disabled adults, two (2) Adult Training Facility programs, older adults program.

Fee: Referred through MH/MR, also private funding

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING
University of Arkansas
4601 W. Markham Street
Little Rock, AR 72205
Voice/TTY: 501-686-9691
Fax: 501-686-9698

www.uark.edu/depts/rehabres
E-mail: REHABRES@cavern.uark.edu

Services: Focuses on issues affecting the employability of deaf and hard of hearing rehabilitation clients, including career assessment, career preparation, placement, career mobility, and advancement. Provides information and/or data bases related to the rehabilitation of deaf and hard of hearing people served by the federal/state Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

ASSOCIATED PRODUCTION SERVICES (APS)

325 Andrews Road
Trevose, PA 19053

215-364-0211
E-Mail: aps1@erols.com

Services: Sheltered workshop Contact: John Alex

Eligibility: Developmentally delayed individuals

Fees: Funded through MH/MR Base Service Unit

BARC

Buckingham Green, 2nd floor
Route 202, P. O. Box 470
Holicong, PA 18928-0470
215-794-0800; Fax: 215-794-0958

Upper Bucks Residential Office
1541 North West End Blvd.
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-2097

BARC Production Services, Warminster
349 Ivyland Road
Warminster, PA 18974
215-672-6010; Fax: 215-672-3642

BARC Production Services, Quakertown
1446 Old Bethlehem Pike, South
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-4048; Fax: 215-536-8081

www.barcprograms.org

Services: Vocational evaluation, training, work experience, workshop employment, and job placement for individuals age 21 and up; residential living arrangements in the community for teenaged individuals and older; early intervention services for developmentally delayed infants and children; disabled senior program, and advocacy.

Eligibility: Individuals with mental retardation

Fee: Funded through state and federal governments, private pay, other agencies

BUCKS COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Bucks County Office Center
1214 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007-2593
215-781-3300

1386 West Street Road
Warminster, PA 18974
215-443-3200

www.dpw.state.pa.us

E-Mail: BucksBri@state.pa.us

Services: Financial assistance, nursing home assistance, medical assistance, food stamps, energy assistance, employment and training counseling, information, and referral for social services. On-line applications available at:
www.humanservices.state.pa.us/COMPASS/PGM/ASP/SC001.asp

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION (MH/MR)

600 Louis Drive, Suite 101
Warminster, PA 18974

215-442-0760; Fax: 215-442-0780
www.buckscounty.org/mental

BASE SERVICE UNITS (BSU):

Northwestern Human Services of Bucks County
2075 Byberry Road, Suite 111
Bensalem, PA 19020
215-245-9076, Fax: 215-352-0163

Lenape Valley Foundation
500 N. West Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-5300

Penn Foundation Mental Health Services
807 Lawn Avenue, P.O. Box 32
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-257-6551

Penn Foundation Mental Retardation and Early Intervention
712 Lawn Avenue, P.O. Box 32
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-257-1183

Penndel Mental Health Center
1517 Durham Road
Penndel, PA 19047
215-757-1541

Penndel Mental Retardation and Early Intervention
919 Durham Road
Penndel, PA 19047
215-750-9898

Eligibility: Bucks County residents with a documented diagnosis of mental retardation as evidenced by an IQ of 70 or below before the age of 22 and having significant functional limitations in two or more skill areas. Services are accessed through registration with the local Base Service Unit (BSU).

The Mental Retardation Program provides services to support individuals to live in the community and to assist them in actively participating in community life. Services include: Supports Coordination/Service Coordination, Family Support Services, Information/Referral, Consultation and Education. Residential services include: Home Based, Family Living, Supported Living and Community Living Arrangements (CLAs). The department also administers vocational services, competitive employment, vocational rehabilitation, adult training, and early intervention services.

The Mental Health Program provides services that include Crisis Services, Outpatient Therapy, Partial Hospitalization, Community Treatment Teams, Administrative Case Management, Intensive Case Management, and Resource Coordination. Housing services include: Adult Respite, Intensive, Maximum and Moderate Community Resident Rehabilitation(CRR) and Supported Living. Psychiatric Rehabilitation services include: Clubhouse, Psych-Social Programs and Consumer Drop-In Centers. Vocational and employment services and children's services are also available.

BUCKS COUNTY OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING, INC. (BCOET)

First Union Bank Building
4259 Swamp Road, Suite 303
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-340-2020; Fax: 215-340-2030

Bucks County Office Center
1260 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007
215-781-1060; Fax: 215-781-1086
E-mail: dcgordon@bcoet.org

Services: Free job readiness training, job development, and placement assistance. Literacy programs (GED) and occupational skill training are also available to those needing additional support. Goals are achieved through a mix of services including assessment, career exploration, vocational counseling, classroom training, and hands-on training. Special programs for in-school and out-of-school youth.

Eligibility: U.S. citizen, U.S. National or a lawfully admitted permanent resident alien; be in compliance with Selective Service requirements (if applicable), income eligibility may apply.

BUCKS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

100 Doyle Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-8175

Neshaminy Manor Center
1282 Almshouse Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-3295
www.bcoc.org

Bucks County Annex Building
515 S. West End Blvd., Route 309
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-0353

1230 New Rodgers Road, Suite F1
Bristol, PA 19007
215-781-2661
E-Mail: bcoc@bcoc.org

Services: Weatherization, information and referral, energy service. Case management services focusing on moving a person from dependency to self-sufficiency. Emergency services to include rental housing and utility assistance.

Eligibility: Must meet low income financial guidelines

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY SUITED FOR SUCCESS

1200 New Rodgers Road, Suite G-19
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-3995
Fax: 215-781-3438

Services: Provides new or almost new professional clothing, shoes, accessories, and hair, make up, and clothing consultation free of charge to Bucks County residents who are unemployed or underemployed and are actively seeking employment, as well as individuals who have been employed for less than 30 days.

Eligibility: Bucks County residents who are unemployed or underemployed and are actively seeking employment, as well as individuals who have been employed for less than 30 days.

Fee: None, but agree to perform a community service of their choice.

BUCKS COUNTY TEAM PA CAREERLINK

1260 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-1073; 215-781-3455
Fax: 215-781-1074

www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

E-Mail: mscaramuzz@state.pa.us

Services: Job placement, Internet access, job counseling, State Civil Service information, workshops, Workforce Development, etc.

Eligibility: All are eligible

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

610 Wistar Road
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

215-949-1700

www.BCTHS.com

Services: The mission of Bucks County Technical High School, the first regional technical training facility in Pennsylvania, is to prepare youth and adults, in partnership with the sending school districts, with knowledge and practical skills leading to employment in today's work force and/or participation in post secondary education, by guaranteeing the student a quality, competency-based integrated curricula, state-of-the-art and emerging technologies, and theoretical and work related experience in partnership with business and the industrial community.

Fee: Paid by quarter, varies with course. Textbooks are extra.

CAREER STRATEGIES
Division Of Jewish Employment & Vocational Services (JEVS)
1845 Walnut Street, 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103-4707
215-854-1800

www.jevs.org
E-Mail: cs@jevs.org

Services: Comprehensive career management services including career counseling/ transition consulting; educational consulting; testing and assessment. Nonsectarian, serving a wide range of experience and skill levels. Individual and corporate programs are available.

Fee: Fee for service, adjustable scale.

CARPENTERS JOINT APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE OF PHILADELPHIA
10401 Decatur Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
215-824-2300
Fax: 215-824-2313

www.carpentersofphila.com

Services: Provides apprenticeship training. Seven designated shops, allowing hands-on instruction in general carpentry, interior systems, cabinetmaking, floorlaying, millwrighting, pile driving, lathing and welding. There are four classrooms for blueprint, math, layout and theory courses, a computer learning center for instruction in introduction to computers, Word, Excel, AutoCAD, planning and scheduling, and more.

Eligibility: Minimum 17 years of age; pass a qualifying test consisting of math related to the Carpentry trade, including decimals, fractions and geometry; drug testing; a Contractor sponsor

CHAPEL HAVEN, INC.
1040 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515
203-397-1714, ext. 113
Fax: 203-392-3698

www.chapelhaven.org
E-Mail: jlefkowitz@chapelhaven.org

Services: A state-approved private special education and independent living program for cognitively disabled adults. It is comprised of a licensed education program and nationally accredited transitional living program. Chapel Haven services 29 residents and a small number of day students in its two-year educational program and 100+ community members through its Supported Living Program.

Fee: Contact for information

COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.

612 Second Street Pike
Southampton, PA 18966

215-942-7671
Fax: 215-942-7677

www.comop.org

E-Mail: Sherry.Franklin@comop.org

Services: Supported employment and living

Fee: Funded through MH/MR

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ENTREPRENEURS COUNCIL

814 Thayer Avenue, Suite 301
Silver Spring, MD 20910

TTY: 301-587-8596
Fax: 301-474-3330

E-mail: mail@dhhec.org

Services: Encourages, recognizes, and promotes entrepreneurship by people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

DELCO BLIND/SIGHT CENTER

100 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013-9998

610-874-1476
Fax: 610-874-6454

www.delcoblind.org

E-Mail: rosemary.keefe@delcoblind.org

Services: Rehabilitation training, on-site dormitory, computer and access technology training, vocational assessment and career exploration, employment services, social services, in-home geriatric rehabilitation, low vision services, psychological services, support groups, transportation, information, community education, and IDEAL summer transition program.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or blind adults 18 years of age or older; IDEAL summer program: visually impaired or blind high school students ages 15 to 21.

Fee: Coordinated with Blindness and Visual Services or Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

DEVEREUX

125 Leopard Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

610-251-2407
Fax: 610-251-2415

www.devereux.org

Services: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation and training, work experience, comprehensive home and recreational programs, clinical services, psychiatric and psychological services, residential and day programs, respite care.

Contact: Admissions

Eligibility: Young adults and adults who have emotional and/or developmental disabilities.

Fee: Varies with the service(s) provided

EMPLOYMENT TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Bailiwick Office Campus, Suite 48
252 W. Swamp Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-230-8818

E-Mail: ETI5525@aol.com

Services: Supported employment

Eligibility: Any handicapped adult determined eligible by Bucks County MH/MR, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), or Blindness & Visual Services (BVS).

Fee: Funded through MH/MR, OVR, BVS; private pay arrangements available for specialized services.

GOODWILL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

275 Commerce Drive, Suite 231
Fort Washington, PA 19034

215-653-7095
Fax: 215-653-0974

E-Mail: srietscha@goodwill-rdg.org

Services: Individualized employment and training services, including vocational counseling, skills assessment, job readiness training, job development, placement, on-the-job training, job support services, transportation training, benefits counseling, assistance with PASS and IRWE's, and follow-up services.

Eligibility: Adults with a disability who wish to become competitively employed

Fee: Funded through OVR, Bucks County MH/MR, BVS, Veterans' Administration, Montgomery County MH, Goodwill Industries

GROWTH HORIZONS
1981 Hartel Avenue
Levittown, PA 19057
215-945-9005

Services: Residential services, sheltered workshop

Eligibility: Any handicapped adult determined eligible by MH/MR or Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR).

Fee: Funded through MH/MR or OVR

HIREABILITY
Six Franklin Plaza
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-587-3080
Fax: 215-587-9116

E-Mail: RMassaro@mageerehab.org

Services: Job readiness and job placement in full-time, non-supported, competitive employment.

Eligibility: People with disabilities who are seeking employment.

Fee: None

INDEPENDENCE CENTER
3640 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, #102
Los Angeles, CA 90034
310-202-7102
Fax: 310-202-7180

www.independencecenter.com
E-Mail: judym@independencecenter.com

Services: Established in 1985, Independence Center is a mainstreamed transitional independent living program for young adults with learning disabilities. The Center develops independent living, vocational, social, and social communication skills. Program participants, who come from throughout the United States, are expected to work and/or continue their education.

INDIAN CREEK FOUNDATION

573 Yoder Road, P.O. Box 225
Harleysville, PA 19438-0225

215-256-8795; 215-256-1500
Fax: 215-256-3018

www.indiancreekfoundation.org

E-Mail: RThompson@indiancreekfoundation.org

Services: Supported employment program, mobile work force, and employment in Industry 63 - a production facility offering services in light manufacturing, assembly, packaging up to 70 pounds, salvage/rework, collating/binding, postal service/letter stuffing/bulk mail preparation. Residential services.

Eligibility: Developmentally disabled individuals

Fee: Private pay; also through MH/MR

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE - SPECIAL NEEDS DEPARTMENT

10125 Verree Road, Suite 304
Philadelphia, PA 19116

215-673-0100, ext. 123
Fax: 215-934-6284

Services: Recreational activities, counseling, support groups, advocacy, information and referral, job coaching, life skills training.

Eligibility: Children and adults with special needs

Fee: Sliding scale

JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK (JAN)

West Virginia University
P.O. Box 6080
Morgantown, WV 26506-6080

800-526-7234; 304-293-7186

www.jan.wvu.edu

E-Mail: JAN @ jan.wvu.edu

Services: An international information network and consulting resource which provides information about employment issues to employers, rehabilitation professionals, and persons with disabilities. Callers should be prepared to explain the specific problem and job circumstances. Sponsored by the Office of Disability Employment Policy, the Network is operated by West Virginia University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center. Brochures, printed materials, and a newsletter are available free of charge.

KEN-CREST SERVICES - EMPLOYNET

1154 High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

610-327-2880
Fax: 610-327-4233

Services: Comprehensive employment placement and training services, including job preparation, career counseling, on-the-job training, and time enduring, follow-along support services.

Eligibility: People with developmental disabilities, within a 25 mile radius of Pottstown.

Fee: OVR or MH/MR funding; also, private pay arrangements. EmployNet will help applicants register with OVR.

LIFE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

18001 N. 79th Avenue, Suite E-71
Glendale, AZ 85308

623-773-2774
Fax: 623-773-2788

www.life-development-inst.org

E-Mail: LDlinARIZ@aol.com

Services: Conducts secondary and postsecondary programs for students with learning disabilities, attention deficit, hyperactivity and related disorders. Placement in college, vocational technical training, or competitive employment tracks from the core of program instruction as determined by a career planning process called the Vocational Research Project. Students reside in their own apartments located adjacent to the program office building. Support tutorial, student advisement and mentoring, social/recreational activities, and leadership development are additional services that comprise the balance of the curriculum.

Fee: Contact for information

LIFEPATH, INC.

22 Almont Road
Sellersville, PA 18960

215-257-0471
Fax: 215-257-0530

Services: Provides a wide array of services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including early intervention; supported, companion and family living; adult and seniors' programs; employment services; supervised living in community homes; respite care; mental health clinic and counseling; in-home supports; a specialized pediatric nursing care facility, and community vouchers.

Eligibility: Minimum 21 years of age, diagnosis of mental retardation/developmental disability

Fee: Variable

MBF CENTER

25 East Marshall Street
Norristown, PA 19401

Voice: 610-292-0710; TTY: 610-292-9605
Fax: 610-292-0733

www.mbfcenter.org

E-Mail: MEdgcumbe@mbfcenter.org

Services: Computer and Business Skills Training Program (7 month program) offers comprehensive training in computer applications, data entry, business communications, and office procedures for those seeking multi-task employment. This program offers job readiness, job search and job coaching support for 3-6 months after graduation. There is also a High School Transition Program for high school seniors, offered for one or two semesters.

Eligibility: High school graduates or adults with GED, or high school referrals with physical, learning, and/or mental health disabilities. Entrance requirements include: interest in computer-related tasks and office environments, commitment to seek employment at completion of the program, ability to attend daily classes and complete assignments, satisfactory completion of the assessment process, ability to secure transportation to and from school.

Fee: Contact for information

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2740 Old York Road
Jamison, PA 18929

215-343-2480
Fax: 215-343-8626

www.mbit.org

Services: Day and evening classes, flexible scheduling, individualized programs. Limited day child care. Programs include:
Business and Communications Cluster: Commercial Art & Design, Computer Applications & Information Technology, Computer Network Technology
Construction Cluster: Construction Carpentry, Drafting & Design Technology, Electrical & Network Cabling Technology, Heating, Ventilation, A/C & Refrigeration, Plumbing, Telecommunications Technology
Health & Human Services Cluster: Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Care & Education, Health Occupations, Public Safety
Transportation & Manufacturing Cluster: Automotive Collision Technology, Automotive Technology (AYES), Electronics Technology, Precision Machining Technology, Welding Technology

Contact: Adult and Industry Education Coordinator

Eligibility: 18 years of age or older, day program requires GED or high school diploma

Fee: Contact for information

NATIONAL JOINT APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COMMITTEE (NJATC)

www.njatc.org

Services: Provides apprenticeship training in four specialty areas where there is electricity, including outside lineman, inside wireman, VDV installer technician, and residential wireman.
Eligibility: Minimum 18 years of age, high school education, one year of high school algebra, qualifying score on an aptitude test, drug free.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF (NTID), CENTER ON EMPLOYMENT

Lyndon Baines Johnson Building
52 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623-5604

585-475-6219
Fax: 585-475-7570

www.ntid.rit.edu/nce/

E-mail: ntidcoe@rit.edu

Services: Promotes successful employment of Rochester Institute of Technology's deaf students and graduates. Offers resources and training for employers and deaf professionals.

Fee: Contact for information

NEW CHOICES / NEW OPTIONS
Bucks County Community College

1280 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-3937
Fax: 215-781-3928

www.bucks.edu

E-Mail: okeefem@bucks.edu

Services: Career development services to help participants develop a career/educational plan that enables them to move toward financial independence through job placement and/or job training.

Eligibility: Single parent, displaced homemakers, men and women seeking non-traditional employment

NEW LIFESTYLES, INC.

411 S. Cameron Street
Winchester, VA 22601

540-722-4521

www.newlifestyles.net

E-Mail: Ken@newlifestyles.net

Services: Intensive clinical, behavioral, motivational, and psycho-educational support for male and female students between 18 and 26 years of age, with average to above average intellectual functioning. Clinical services includes individual and group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, career evaluation, and coordination with psychiatric supports when indicated. Behavioral services include graduated privileges based on the performance of phase program requirements that include daily living tasks, e.g. awakening on schedule, attending college/work, managing medications, etc. Motivational supports include weekly targeted goals and the development of a meaningful mission and vision. Students attend school or work while participating in the program and living in their own apartments.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
BUREAU OF BLINDNESS AND VISUAL SERVICES (BVS)

444 N. 3rd Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Central Office
Rm. 1308, Labor & Industry Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

215-560-5700; Fax: 215-560-5383

717-787-6176

Services: Provides social and rehabilitative services to enable blind and visually impaired persons to become independent.

Eligibility: 20/70 or less visual acuity with best correction in better eye, primary disability visual, resident of Pennsylvania.

Fee: Contact for information

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)

1875 New Hope Street

Norristown, PA 19401

800-221-1042; 484-250-4340

Labor and Industry Building, Room 1300
Seventh and Forster Streets

Harrisburg, PA 17120

717-787-6005

TTY: 484-250-4357; Fax: 484-250-4356
www.state.pa.us/ovr

Services: *Diagnostic Services:* Medical, psychological, occupational, and educational tests used to determine eligibility and need for specific types of services.
Counseling and Guidance: Helps select vocational goals (and make realistic plans to attain them).
Restoration: Comprehensive medical, psychological, and allied services to minimize the effect of the handicapping condition on a person's ability to work.
Training: Development of job skills through vocational and technical schools, universities, on-the-job training, or rehabilitation workshops.
Hiram G. Andrews Center: Comprehensive rehabilitation services, including vocational assessment, training, and medical services on a residential or commuting basis.
Independent Living Services: Provides the means for persons to become more self-sufficient and thereby makes possible the pursuit of future vocational goals.
Placement: Development of job-seeking skills and locating employment opportunities.
Post Employment Services: Aid in job adjustment.
Eligibility: Presence of a disability, the disability is a handicap to employment, and there is reasonable expectation that services will result in employment.
Fee: No charge for diagnostic services and vocational evaluation. Physical restoration, training, counseling, and job placement assistance may require a contribution which is based on a sliding scale.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

215-951-4700, 215-951-4701; TTY: 215-951-4703
Fax: 215-951-4708

www.psd.org

E-Mail: info@psd.org

Services: Provides a variety of educational and social services for deaf individuals of all ages and their families, including "Deaf Adult Literacy Program," early intervention services, and a new Deaf and Hard of Hearing Job Center. Sign Language and speech reading courses are offered for a fee.

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Office

10 South 11th Street, 2nd floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-560-2253
Fax: 215-560-6715

www.scsc.state.pa.us

E-Mail: tsminkey@state.pa.us

Services: Recruits, tests, and certifies candidates for positions in State Government. Committed to assisting minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities in finding employment in State Service.

Fee: None

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robert N. C. Nix Federal Building
900 Market Street, 5th floor
Phila., PA 19107

800-827-5722; 215-580-2722

Fax: 215-580-2800

www.sba.gov/pa/phil

Services: Prospective, new and established persons in the small business community provided with financial assistance, management counseling and training.

Fee: None

SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA REHABILITATION CENTER

111 Elwyn Road
Elwyn, PA 19063

610-891-2000

www.elwyn.org

E-Mail: BarbaraWilliams@elwyn.org

Services: Vocational evaluation and community assessment. Provides information helpful in transition planning and career planning. This is done according to individual needs and abilities in a person-centered approach and is designed to bring out strengths and positive career options. The assessments determine aptitudes, skills, academic abilities, work attitudes and values, interests and learning style. Community based assessment sites are chosen based on an individual's interests and skills. Services range from a day or two to twenty days for a full program. All assessments include an interpretive report and feedback meeting.

Eligibility: School students, economically disadvantaged, disabled, those considering a job change or first job.

Fee: Determined by services provided. Financial aid may be available through funding from Office of Mental Retardation, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), OVR, BVS, Veterans Administration, or individuals may choose to pay privately.

SPECIAL PEOPLE IN NORTHEAST, INC. (SPIN)

10521 Drummond Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

215-613-1013
Fax: 215-613-1038

www.spininc.org

Services: Adult residences; family life sharing; day programs including CIE, in-home and community supports, daycare, early intervention, Head-Start, and Early Head-Start.

Eligibility: Adults and children with mental retardation. Children's programs are often open to both children with and without disabilities.

Fee: Depends on service

UCP OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

102 East Mermaid Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19118

215-242-4200

www.ucpphila.org

Services: Vocational evaluation service; job counseling, training, placement services; supported employment; contract shop employment; social and recreation programs for teens through adult; adult day program; psychiatric-partial hospital; information, referral and information outreach; respite care service; community social service; independent living training; community living arrangements; student field work placement; community education; volunteer programs.

Fee: Varies

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

3115 Ridge Road
Perkasie, PA 18944

215-795-2911
Fax: 215-795-0530

www.ubtech.org

E-Mail: ubtech@ubtech.org

Services: Courses offered include: Air Conditioning, Automotive, Building Trades, Business Service, Carpentry, Communications/Graphic Arts, Cosmetology, Electrical/ Electronics, Health and Human Services, Masonry.

Eligibility: Out of School, 18 years of age or older

Fee: Tuition varies with program

VANGUARD SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

1777 N. Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301-0730

610-296-6700, ext. 105

www.vanguardschool-PA.org

E-Mail: JaMurray@vanguardschool-PA.org

Services: Students receive vocational and other assessments and individually planned transition IEPs which include input from Vanguard staff, school district of residence, parent, student, and when available, adult service providers. All students participate in one or more of the following each semester: community service projects, on- or off- campus paid work experience or unpaid pre-vocational training, vocational-technical school attendance and/or community college education. Academic, social skills and independent living instruction continues. Supportive services include speech, reading, occupational and physical therapy, nursing, psychological and counseling services, and others. Follow up research conducted over more than 25 years indicates extremely high post-graduate employment success.

Eligibility: All students enrolled in the Vanguard School's Upper or High School Program.

Fee: For most students, tuition is paid by the home school district and state department of education through the "approved private school" process. Opportunities exist for private or insurance company support also.

VISTA VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS CENTER, INC.

1356 Old Clinton Road
Westbrook, CT 06498

860-399-8080

www.vistavocational.org

Services: An individualized residential and apartment based training program for young adults in transition to work and independent living. Includes work experiences, individual and group counseling, seminars and independent living training. Addresses skills in peer and interpersonal relationships, positive self-esteem, successful employment, independent living, and time management. Long term supports and developmental disabilities services also available.

Eligibility: Young adults with neurological impairments

Fee: Contact for information

VOCATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
New York Institute of Technology

Independence Hall
Central Islip, NY 11722

516-348-3354
Fax: 516-348-0437

www.vip-at-nyit.org

E-Mail: JRein@nyit.edu or pcaspi@nyit.edu

Services: A three year certificate program for students with moderate to severe learning disabilities, ages 18-30. The curriculum emphasizes independent living, social, and vocational skills as well as individual academic support. Track II, for students with higher academic skills, prepares them for degree work.

WELLSPRING CLUBHOUSE, PENN FOUNDATION

915 Lawn Avenue
Sellersville, PA 18960

215-257-4760

Services: Provides social and vocational training in a clubhouse atmosphere for adults with mental illness. Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Fee: None

WOODS SERVICES

P.O. Box 36, Rts. 413 & 213
Langhorne, PA 19047

215-750-4000

Services: Private, not-for-profit, residential, co-educational, and vocational training center serving learning and developmentally disabled, neurologically impaired, multi- handicapped, and head-injured children and adults.

Fee: Varies

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

1839 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
www.aph.org

800-223-1839; 502-895-2405
Fax: 502-899-2274
E-Mail: info@aph.org

Services: Manufactures materials for the use of people with visual impairments of all ages. Reading materials include books in Braille, large type, and recorded form. Educational aids, tools and supplies include Braille writing and embossing equipment; computer software and hardware; educational games; low vision aids; Braille and large type paper, binders and notebooks. Catalogues are available at no cost in print and on cassette.

BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISABILITY SERVICES (BCCC)

Swamp Road
Newtown, PA 18940
www.bucks.edu/collegeservices

Voice: 215-968-8463; 215-968-8465
TDD: 215-504-8561
E-Mail: cooperm@bucks.edu (DS coordinator), zipinm@bucks.edu (LD specialist)

Services: Individual assistance with advising and priority registration to eligible students; assistance in administering tests in alternative ways; assistance in arranging for tutors; networking with appropriate community agencies and service providers; consultation with faculty concerning appropriate classroom accommodations; short-term personal and career counseling.

Contact: Marie Stevens-Cooper, Coordinator

Eligibility: Clients must be applying for admission or enrolled in BCCC. In order to receives services, students with physical, learning, or emotional disabilities are encouraged to identify themselves and their needs prior to enrolling at BCCC. This will help assure that approved accommodations are in place when needed. Verification of disability may be required before services are provided.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

610 Wistar Road
Fairless Hills, PA 19030
www.BCTHS.com

215-949-1700

Services: The mission of Bucks County Technical High School, the first regional technical training facility in Pennsylvania, is to prepare youth and adults, in partnership with the sending school districts, with knowledge and practical skills leading to employment in today's work force and/or participation in post secondary education, by guaranteeing the student a quality, competency-based integrated curricula, state-of-the-art and emerging technologies, and theoretical and work related experience in partnership with business and the industrial community.

Fee: Paid by quarter, varies with course. Textbooks are extra.

BUREAU OF ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION
Pa Department of Education

333 Market Street, 12th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
www.able.state.pa.us

717-787-5532; GED: 717-787-6747
Fax: 717-783-0583
E-Mail: 00abl@psupen.psu.edu

Services: Administers state and federal funds for adult basic and family literacy education through grants to local adult education programs that provide expanded educational opportunities for all individuals 16 years of age and older who do not have a high school diploma and who seek to improve their basic skills in order to function effectively in society. Administers the General Educational Development (GED) testing program for Pennsylvania. Interested individuals can locate an Adult Basic and Literacy Education/GED Program near them by accessing the "Program Directory Map" on the web page - www.able.state.pa.us.

BUREAU OF VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Pa Dept. of Education

Special Populations/Career Counseling
333 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
www.pde.state.pa.us

717-787-5293

Services: Public Education: Career Development, grades K -12.

COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT THE BERKSHIRE CENTER, THE

18 Park Street, Box 160
Lee, MA 10238
www.berkshirecenter.org

413-243-2576

E-Mail: admissions@berkshirecenter.org

Services: Year-round, two to four year program for young adults with learning disabilities, ages 18-26. Some of the students attend Berkshire Community College or a local business school, while others go directly into vocational internship. Includes vocational/academic preparation, tutoring, college liaison, life skills instruction, driver's education, money management, psychotherapy, and more. Students live in apartments in the community and attend local cultural/recreation activities.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA - CENTER ON DISABILITY

Room M1-22, Mint Building
1700 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

215-751-8050
Information Center: 215-751-8010
Fax: 215-751-8935

Services:
* Pre-admission counseling
* Assistance with registration and placement testing
* Academic and vocational guidance
* Personal counseling on an individual and group basis
* Liaison with faculty regarding classroom accommodations
* Coordination of special services with outside agencies, such as Paratransit, Recordings for the Blind, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and schools for disabled students
* Mobility assistance for blind or physically handicapped students
* Readers and writers for visually impaired, manually impaired, and learning disabled students
* Sign language interpreters for deaf students
* Special equipment, such as tape recorders for loan, sound-proof study booths for taping and listening, Perkins braillers, TTY's, a talking calculator, a braille computer terminal, a speaker phone, and Visual Tek
* Learning Disabilities Project - diagnostic testing and evaluation, individual and group remediation and tutoring, pre-college summer workshops

DELCO BLIND/SIGHT CENTER

100 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013-9998
www.delcoblind.org

610-874-1476
Fax: 610-874-6454
E-Mail: rosemary.keefe@delcoblind.org

Services: Rehabilitation training, on-site dormitory, computer and access technology training, vocational assessment and career exploration, employment services, social services, in-home geriatric rehabilitation, low vision services, psychological services, support groups, transportation, information, community education, and IDEAL summer transition program.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or blind adults 18 years of age or older; IDEAL summer program: visually impaired or blind high school students ages 15 to 21.

Fee: Coordinated with Blindness and Visual Services or Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

DISABILITIES OPPORTUNITIES INTERNETWORKING TECHNOLOGY (DO-IT)

4545 15th Avenue
University of Washington, Box 354842
Seattle, WA 98105-4527
www.washington.edu/doit/

Voice/TTY: 206-685-DOIT
Fax: 206-685-4045
E-mail: doit@washington.edu

Services: Publications and web resources addressing the issues surrounding transition from high school to college and careers for people with disabilities.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)

800-LET-ERIC

www.eric.ed.gov

E-mail: acceric@aspensys.com

Services: A two part database that contains document literature and articles from over 750 educational journals, including research reports, curriculum materials, project descriptions, conference presentations and proceedings, opinion papers, and bibliographies. There are 16 subject-oriented clearinghouses, support components, adjunct clearinghouses, and external publishers, vendors, and service providers, including:

ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education (ERIC/ACVE)
800-848-4815; 614-292-4353; Fax: 614-292-1260;
E-mail: ericacve@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu

ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education: 800-328-0272,
703-264-9474; TT: 703-264-9449; Fax: 264-9494; E-mail: ericec@inet.ed.gov

ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education (HE)
800-773-3742; 202-296-2597; Fax: 202-296-8379; E-mail: eriche@inet.ed.gov

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
www.gallaudet.edu

V/TDD: 202-651-5505

E-mail: public.relations@gallaudet.edu

Services: Offers more than 50 undergraduate majors and degrees ranging from Associate to Ph.D. Most students are deaf, and all classes are taught in clear sign communication.

Fee: Contact for information

HEATH RESOURCE CENTER - NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

2121 K Street, NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20037
www.heath.gwu.edu

800-544-3284; Voice/TTY: 202-973-0904
Fax: 202-973-0908
E-Mail: askheath@heath.gwu.edu

Services: An information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities on American campuses, vocational-technical schools, adult education programs, independent living centers, transition, and other postsecondary training entities. The Center gathers and disseminates this information so that people with disabilities can, if they choose, develop their full potential through post-secondary education and training. Publications include: HEATH Resource Directory, How to Choose a College - A Guide for the Student with a Disability, Fact Sheets, and Resource Papers about current effective practices in serving students with disabilities in a variety of post-secondary education and training settings.

Fee: Single copies of HEATH materials are available at no charge.

HORIZONS SCHOOL, THE

2111 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
www.horizonsschool.org

800-822-6242; 205-322-6606
Fax: 205-322-6605
E-Mail: mcelheny@horizonsschool.org

Services: A post-secondary, non-degree program for students with specific learning disabilities and other mild learning problems. This specially designed, three year program prepares individuals for a successful transition to the community with individualized curriculum focusing on the use of self-determination skills as students work toward personal, social, and career independence.

INDEPENDENCE CENTER

3640 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, #102
Los Angeles, CA 90034
www.independencecenter.com

310-202-7102
Fax: 310-202-7180
E-Mail: judym@independencecenter.com

Services: Established in 1985, Independence Center is a mainstreamed transitional independent living program for young adults with learning disabilities. The Center develops independent living, vocational, social, and social communication skills. Program participants, who come from throughout the United States, are expected to work and/or continue their education.

LIFE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

18001 N. 79th Avenue, Suite E-71
Glendale, AZ 85308
www.life-development-inst.org

623-773-2774
Fax: 623-773-2788
E-Mail: LDIinARIZ@aol.com

Services: Conducts secondary and postsecondary programs for students with learning disabilities, attention deficit, hyperactivity and related disorders. Placement in college, vocational technical training, or competitive employment tracks from the core of program instruction as determined by a career planning process called the Vocational Research Project. Students reside in their own apartments located adjacent to the program office building. Support tutorial, student advisement and mentoring, social/recreational activities, and leadership development are additional services that comprise the balance of the curriculum.

Fee: Contact for information

MBF CENTER

25 East Marshall Street
Norristown, PA 19401
www.mbfcenter.org

Voice: 610-292-0710; TTY: 610-292-9605
Fax: 610-292-0733
E-Mail: MEdgcumbe@mbfcenter.org

Services: Computer and Business Skills Training Program (7 month program) offers comprehensive training in computer applications, data entry, business communications, and office procedures for those seeking multi-task employment. This program offers job readiness, job search and job coaching support for 3-6 months after graduation. There is also a High School Transition Program for high school seniors, offered for one or two semesters.

Eligibility: High school graduates or adults with GED, or high school referrals with physical, learning, and/or mental health disabilities. Entrance requirements include: interest in computer- related tasks and office environments, commitment to seek employment at completion of the program, ability to attend daily classes and complete assignments, satisfactory completion of the assessment process, ability to secure transportation to and from school.

Fee: Contact for information

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2740 Old York Road
Jamison, PA 18929
www.mbit.org

215-343-2480
Fax: 215-343-8626

Services: Day and evening classes, flexible scheduling, individualized programs. Limited day child care. Programs include:
Business and Communications Cluster: Commercial Art & Design, Computer Applications & Information Technology, Computer Network Technology
Construction Cluster: Construction Carpentry, Drafting & Design Technology, Electrical & Network Cabling Technology, Heating, Ventilation, A/C & Refrigeration, Plumbing, Telecommunications Technology
Health & Human Services Cluster: Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Care & Education, Health Occupations, Public Safety
Transportation & Manufacturing Cluster: Automotive Collision Technology, Automotive Technology (AYES), Electronics Technology, Precision Machining Technology, Welding Technology

Contact: Adult and Industry Education Coordinator

Eligibility: 18 years of age or older, day program requires GED or high school diploma

Fee: Contact for information

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL, USA

P.O. Box 10767
Eugene, OR 97440
www.miusa.org

Voice/TTY: 541-343-1284
Fax: 541-343-6812
E-Mail: info@miusa.org

Services: Information and referral for including persons with disabilities worldwide into international educational exchange, leadership development, disability rights training, and community service. Exchanges have been coordinated in Asia, Africa, Central America, Europe, and South America. The National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange (NCDE) provides free information and referrals on work study, research, and volunteer programs globally. NCDE also has disability resources internationally online and in publications.

Fee: Contact for free information

NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES (NICHCY)

P.O. Box 1492

Washington, DC 20013
www.nichcy.org

Voice/TT: 800-695-0285

Fax: 202-884-8441
E-Mail: nichcy@aed.org

Services: Provides free information to assist parents, educators, caregivers, advocates and others in helping children and youth with disabilities participate as fully as possible in school, at home, and in the community. Includes personal responses to specific questions, referrals to other organizations/sources of help, prepared information packets, publications on current issues, and technical assistance to parent and professional groups.

Fee: Single copies of most NICHCY materials are free; some are available for a small fee.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Lincoln, Nebraska
www.ed.gov/about/ordering.jsp

800-228-8813

Services: A national toll-free hotline that refers callers to the literacy program in their local area.

Fee: None

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Library of Congress
Voice: 202-707-5100; TDD: 202-707-0744

Washington, DC 20542
www.loc.gov/nls
Fax: 202-707-0712
E-mail: nls@loc.gov

Services: A national library service that provides recorded and Braille books and magazines on free loan to anyone who cannot read standard print because of permanent or temporary visual or physical disabilities.

Fee: None

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF
A College of Rochester Institute of Technology

52 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623-5604
www.ntidweb.rit.edu
Voice/TTY: 585-475-6700
Fax: 585-475-2696
E-Mail: NTIDAdmissions@rit.edu

Services: Provides technological postsecondary education to deaf and hard of hearing students within a college campus planned primarily for hearing students. Job placement services available to NTID graduates from NTID's Center on Employment. Disseminates informational materials and instructional videotapes on issues related to deaf people and deaf culture.

NEW LIFESTYLES, INC.

411 S. Cameron Street
Winchester, VA 22601
www.newlifestyles.net
540-722-4521
E-Mail: Ken@newlifestyles.net

Services: Intensive clinical, behavioral, motivational, and psycho-educational support for male and female students between 18 and 26 years of age, with average to above average intellectual functioning. Clinical services includes individual and group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, career evaluation, and coordination with psychiatric supports when indicated. Behavioral services include graduated privileges based on the performance of phase program requirements that include daily living tasks, e.g. awakening on schedule, attending college/work, managing medications, etc. Motivational supports include weekly targeted goals and the development of a meaningful mission and vision. Students attend school or work while participating in the program and living in their own apartments.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR POSTSECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

333 Market Street, 12th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333
www.pde.psu.edu

717-787-5041
E-Mail: pfleck@state.pa.us

Services: Provides information about post-secondary opportunities, including four year colleges, junior and two year community college programs, and vocational-technical programs.

PENNSYLVANIA HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AGENCY (PHEAA)

1200 N. 7th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102-1444
www.pheaa.org

717-720-2850

Services: Provides information on federal and state grants, loan and special services programs for post secondary education. Includes live online contact links.

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR EDUCATION (PACE)

National-Louis University
2840 Sheridan Road
Evanston, IL 60201-1796
www3.nl.edu/academics/nce/programs/pace

800-443-5522, x2670
Fax: 508-888-1315
E-Mail: cburns@evan1.nl.edu

Services: Provides students with instruction and opportunities in vocational, academic, as well as independent living skills that will empower them to be successful and contributing adults in the larger community. Students live on campus for two years and after graduation have the option of continuing in the transition portion of the program, living in apartments and working at paying jobs in the community.

Eligibility: Young adults with multiple learning disabilities, high school diploma

Fee: Contact for information regarding tuition and room and board.

PROJECT G.R.O.W. - GETTING READY FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD

551 Route 6A
East Sandwich, MA 02537
www.riverviewschool.org

508-888-3699
Fax: 508-888-1315
E-Mail: grow@riverviewschool.org

Services: Independent living skills, life skills and vocational skills are taught in a supportive environment and incorporated into each student's daily schedule. The goal of the program is to increase each student's independent skills to assist him/her in becoming a productive member of society (10 and 12 month programs are available).

RECORDING FOR THE BLIND AND DYSLEXIC, INC.

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
www.rfbd.org

609-452-0606
Fax: 609-520-7990
Book orders only: 800-221-4792

Services: Provides audio educational books on CD and cassettes, library services, and other educational and professional resources to individuals who cannot read standard print because of a visual, physical, or perceptual disability.

Fee: Annual membership fee; documentation of a disability and a registration fee are required.

THRESHOLD PROGRAM, Lesley University

29 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
www.lesley.edu

617-349-8181
Fax: 617-349-8189

Services: A two-to-three year non-degree, college-based program that helps young adults develop the academic, vocational, social, and independent living skills necessary for independence. Students prepare for paraprofessional roles in offices, early childhood settings, or settings that serve elderly or disabled consumers. Most graduates participate in Threshold's third year Transition Program, which provides support as they venture into apartment living and paid employment.

Fee: Contact for information

UPPER BUCKS COUNTY AREA VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

3115 Ridge Road
Perkasie, PA 18944
www.ubtech.org

215-795-2911
Fax: 215-795-0530
E-Mail: ubtech@ubtech.org

Services: Courses offered include: Air Conditioning, Automotive, Building Trades, Business Service, Carpentry, Communications/Graphic Arts, Cosmetology, Electrical/Electronics, Health and Human Services, Masonry.

Eligibility: Out of School, 18 years of age or older

Fee: Tuition varies with program

VANGUARD SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

1777 N. Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301-0730
www.vanguardschool-PA.org

610-296-6700, ext. 105

E-Mail: JaMurray@vanguardschool-PA.org

Services: Students receive vocational and other assessments and individually planned transition IEPs which include input from Vanguard staff, school district of residence, parent, student, and when available, adult service providers. All students participate in one or more of the following each semester: community service projects, on- or off- campus paid work experience or unpaid pre-vocational training, vocational-technical school attendance and/or community college education. Academic, social skills and independent living instruction continues. Supportive services include speech, reading, occupational and physical therapy, nursing, psychological and counseling services, and others. Follow up research conducted over more than 25 years indicates extremely high post-graduate employment success.

Eligibility: All students enrolled in the Vanguard School's Upper or High School Program.

Fee: For most students, tuition is paid by the home school district and state department of education through the "approved private school" process. Opportunities exist for private or insurance company support also.

VISTA VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS CENTER, INC.

1356 Old Clinton Road
Westbrook, CT 06498
www.vistavocational.org

860-399-8080

Services: An individualized residential and apartment based training program for young adults in transition to work and independent living. Includes work experiences, individual and group counseling, seminars and independent living training. Addresses skills in peer and interpersonal relationships, positive self-esteem, successful employment, independent living, and time management. Long term supports and developmental disabilities services also available.

Eligibility: Young adults with neurological impairments

Fee: Contact for information

VITA EDUCATION SERVICES

8 East Court Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-8322; 215-968-3484
www.vitaeducation.org

Bensalem Family Resource Center
2546 Knights Road, Bensalem, PA 19020
215-245-1798, ext. 18

Services: The Literacy Center of Bucks County, a program of Vita, provides one-to-one tutoring and classroom instruction in basic reading and writing skills, GED preparation and English as a Second Language. Services are provided by trained volunteer tutors and professional staff.

Eligibility: Any Bucks County resident over age 17 who is not enrolled in a secondary education program.

Fee: None

COLLEGE GUIDES

The following is a list of publications that may help you with your search for post high school educational or career opportunities.

Campus Opportunities for Students with Learning Differences
Judith M. Crooker / Octameron Associates, P.O. Box 2748, Alexandria, VA 22301 / 703-836-5480 / 1999 / www.octameron.com

College and Career Success for Students with Learning Disabilities
Roslyn Dolber / VGM Career Books, NTC Publishing Group / 1996

College Students with Learning Disabilities: A Handbook
Susan A. Vogel / LDA Bookstore, 4156 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234 / 412-341-1515 / www.danatl.org/store/LD_Directories.html

Colleges with Programs or Services for Students with Learning Disabilities
Midge Lipkin / Schoolsearch Press / 127 Marsh Street; Belmont, MA 02478 / 617-489-5785 / 2000 /

Help Yourself: Advice for College Bound Students with Learning Disabilities
Erica-lee Lewis / Random House, Princeton Review Publishing, New York / 1996 / LDA Bookstore, 4156 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234 / 412-341-1515 / www.danatl.org/store/LD_Directories.html

K & W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or Attention Deficit Disorders
Mary Beth Kravets and Imy F. Wax/ Princeton Review, Random House, Inc. / Sept. 2001

Peterson's Colleges With Programs for Students with Learning Disabilities or Attention Deficit Disorders
Mangrum and Strichart / Peterson's Guide, Book Ordering Department, P.O. Box 2123, Princeton, NJ 08543-2123 / 800-338-3282 / July 2000 / www.petersons.com

Unlocking Potential: College and Other Choices for People with Learning Disabilities and ADHD
Julianna Taymans, Linda West,Madeline Sullivan / Woodbine House / 800-843-7323 / 2000

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

If you plan to request accommodations for taking standardized admissions testing under non-standard conditions, you need to obtain information about documentation requirements and deadlines. Contact either:

Educational Testing Services (ETS)
SAT Services for Students with Disabilities
P.O. Box 6226
Princeton, NJ 08541-6226
Voice: 609-771-7137; TTY: 609-882-4118; Fax: 609-771-7681
www.collegeboard.com/disable/students/html/eligible.html/

Special Testing, ACT Universal Testing
2255 North Dubuque Road
P.O. Box 4028
Iowa City, IA 52243-4028
Voice: 319-337-1332; TTY: 319-337-1701; Fax: 319-337-1285
www.ACT.org/aap/disab

FINANCIAL AID

Many adults with learning disabilities are eligible for services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR: 800-221-1042), whose services may include job training and support for post secondary education.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides financial assistance to people who have little or no income and resources. If the Social Security Administration approves a Plan for Achieving Self Support, the student would be able to set aside income and resources that are being used toward a specific vocational goal (tuition, equipment or other needs) and continue to receive SSI payments. For more information, contact your local Social Security Administration office.

Most families will need to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Obtain this from the student's High School Guidance Office or from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, 717-720-2850, www.pheaa.org.

Be sure to contact the financial aid office at the school the student is interested in attending, and complete all required forms on time. Other sources of information include the local public library, the Internet, and the following materials:

Chronicle Student Aid Annual
66 Aurora Street, Moravia, NY 13118-3576 / 800-622-7284

College Financial Aid Emergency Kit
Kennedy and Davis / Sun Features, Inc. / Box 368 / Cardiff, CA 92007 /
1993-94 Edition

College Money Guides
Campus Opportunities for Students with Learning Differences, Sept. 1999
Octameron Associates / P.O. Box 2748 / Alexandria, VA 22301 /
703-836-5480 / www.octameron.com

Creating Options: A Resource on Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities
HEATH Resource Center / 2121 K Street, NW, Suite 220, Washington, DC 20037 /
(800) 544-3284 / www.heath.gwu.edu/ free

Dollars for College: The Quick Guide to Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities
Elizabeth A. Olson / J. G. Ferguson Publishing Company / May 2000

Federal Funding to Two-Year Colleges
Council for Research and Development (NCRD) / One Dupont Circle, Suite 410,
Washington, DC 20036 / 202-822-0750; Fax: 202-833-2467

Federal Student Aid Programs Information Center
P.O. Box 84, Washington, DC 20044-0084 / Voice: 800-433-3243; TT: 800-730-8913

Learning through Listening Awards - through Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic
20 Rozel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 / 800-221-4792, 609-452-0606

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)
1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
410-659-9314

P. Buckley Moss Society Harbison Award (limited to high school seniors with learning disabilities who are continuing their education beyond high school)
601 Shenandoah Village Drive, Suite 1C, Waynesboro, VA 22980540-943-5678

Stanley E. Jackson Scholarship Awards for Gifted/Talented Students with Disability through Foundation for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Drive, Reston, VA 22091

INDEPENDENT AND COMMUNITY LIVING

ABLEDATA

8630 Fenton Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Voice: 800-227-0216; 301-608-8998
TTY: 301-608-8912; Fax: 301-608-8958

www.abledata.com

E-mail: abledata@orcmacro.com

Services: An information and referral database about over 30,000 commercially available assistive technology products. Produces fact sheets on types of devices and other aspects of assistive technology. The database can be searched on the website, and Fact Sheets and Informed Consumer Guides can be downloaded free of charge.

ACCESS SERVICES

500 Office Center Drive, Suite 100
Ft. Washington, PA 19034

215-540-2150

www.accessservices.org

E-Mail: info@accessservices.org

Services: Family living services, foster care, respite care, supported living services, in-home services, community and spiritual care.

Fee: According to program

ADAPTED DRIVING PROGRAM AT BRYN MAWR REHABILITATION

414 Paoli Pike, P.O. Box 3007
Malvern, PA 19355-3300

610-251-5688
Fax: 610-296-4915

www.jeffersonhealth.org/bmr/therapy/adapt.html

E-Mail: kalinat@mlhs.org

Services: Driver evaluations and training for individuals with any disability. Car and van available. Call for evaluations: 610-640-3943.

Eligibility: 16 years of age and older

Fee: Varies

ALLIANCE FOR TECHNOLOGY ACCESS (ATA)

2175 East Francisco Blvd., Suite L
San Rafael, CA 94901

415-455-4575; TTY: 415-455-0491
Fax: 415-455-0654

www.ATAccess.org

E-Mail: ATAinfo@ATAccess.org

Services: 38 Technology resource centers nationwide. Children and adults with disabilities, their family members, and service providers can visit ATA Centers and explore technology and find tools that will help them at school, at work, or at home.
Contact individual centers for specific services. Local center is in Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

Eligibility: All ages, all disabilities

Fee: None

AUTISM LIVING AND WORKING, INC. (ALAW)

11 South Forge Manor Drive
Phoenixville, PA 19460

610-935-9499
Fax: 610-935-4320

www.autismlivingworking.org

E-Mail: alaw@autismlivingworking.org

Services: Advocacy for appropriate supports and services for adults with autism in Pennsylvania, technical assistance and development of affordable housing.

Fee: None

BARBER RESOURCES FOR THE DELAWARE VALLEY

Monroe Bldg., Suite 150,
Presidential City, 1 Winding Drive
Philadelphia, PA 19131

215-871-0731
Fax: 215-871-0734

www.drbarbercenter.org

E-mail: tracey@barberresources.org

Services: Provides residential placement for individuals with mental retardation

Fee: Funded through MH/MR

BARC

Buckingham Green, 2nd floor
Route 202, P.O. Box 470
Holicong, PA 18928-0470
215-794-0800; Fax: 215-794-0958

Upper Bucks Residential Office
1541 North West End Blvd.
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-2097

BARC Production Services, Warminster
349 Ivyland Road
Warminster, PA 18974
215-672-6010; Fax: 215-672-3642

BARC Production Services, Quakertown
1446 Old Bethlehem Pike, South
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-4048; Fax: 215-536-8081

www.barcprograms.org

Services: Vocational evaluation, training, work experience, workshop employment, and job placement for individuals age 21 and up; residential living arrangements in the community for teenaged individuals and older; early intervention services for developmentally delayed infants and children; disabled senior program, and advocacy.

Eligibility: Individuals with mental retardation

Fee: Funded through state and federal governments, private pay, other agencies

BETTER HOMES INC. OF BUCKS COUNTY

1245 Murphy Drive
Bristol, PA 19007
215-785-0649
Fax: 215-785-3760

E-Mail: bhomesincbristol@aol.com

Services: Affordable housing development. Mortgage and homeownership counseling. Low-moderate income housing provider. Apartments and scattered site rental and for-sale housing. Property management.

Fee: Flexible

BUCKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION (MH/MR)

600 Louis Drive, Suite 101
Warminster, PA 18974

215-442-0760; Fax: 215-442-0780
www.buckscounty.org/mental

BASE SERVICE UNITS (BSU):

Northwestern Human Services of Bucks County
2075 Byberry Road, Suite 111
Bensalem, PA 19020
215-245-9076, Fax: 215-352-0163

Lenape Valley Foundation
500 N. West Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-5300

Penn Foundation Mental Health Services
807 Lawn Avenue, P.O. Box 32
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-257-6551

Penn Foundation Mental Retardation and Early Intervention
712 Lawn Avenue, P.O. Box 32
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-257-1183

Penndel Mental Health Center
1517 Durham Road
Penndel, PA 19047
215-757-1541

Penndel Mental Retardation and Early Intervention
919 Durham Road
Penndel, PA 19047
215-750-9898

Eligibility: Bucks County residents with a documented diagnosis of mental retardation as evidenced by an IQ of 70 or below before the age of 22 and having significant functional limitations in two or more skill areas. Services are accessed through registration with the local Base Service Unit (BSU).

The Mental Retardation Program provides services to support individuals to live in the community and to assist them in actively participating in community life. Services include: Supports Coordination/Service Coordination, Family Support Services, Information/Referral, Consultation and Education. Residential services include: Home Based, Family Living, Supported Living and Community Living Arrangements (CLAs). The department also administers vocational services, competitive employment, vocational rehabilitation, adult training, and early intervention services.

The Mental Health Program provides services that include Crisis Services, Outpatient Therapy, Partial Hospitalization, Community Treatment Teams, Administrative Case Management, Intensive Case Management, and Resource Coordination. Housing services include: Adult Respite, Intensive, Maximum and Moderate Community Resident Rehabilitation(CRR) and Supported Living. Psychiatric Rehabilitation services include: Clubhouse, Psych-Social Programs and Consumer Drop-In Centers. Vocational and employment services and children's services are also available.

BUCKS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

350 South Main Street, Suite 205 215-348-9469; 215-757-0206
Doylestown, PA 18901

Services: Provides low income housing for senior citizens, families, and handicapped individuals.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP.

9187 New Falls Road, Suite 203-L 215-295-1443
Fallsington, PA 19054

www.buckscounty.org E-Mail: cdiamond35@yahoo.com

Services: Provides permanent housing to families and seniors with low and moderate income as well as those who hold a Section 8 certificate.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY HOUSING GROUP

2324 Second Street Pike, Suite 2-C 215- 598-3566
Wrightstown, PA 18940 Fax: 215-598-9812

Services: Provides emergency shelter for families; bridge and transitional housing; permanent rental housing. Counseling for first-time homebuyers. Counseling for those facing foreclosure through the PA Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP).

Fee: None

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE

P. O. Box 205 631-694-6938; National: 800-572-2275
Farmingdale, NY 11735-0205 Fax: 613-694-0308

www.caninecompanions.org E-Mail: info@cci.org

Services: A nonprofit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships.

Fee: Contact for Information

CANINE PARTNERS FOR LIFE

P. O. Box 170
Cochranville, PA 19330

610-869-4902
Fax: 610-869-9785

www.k94life.org

E-mail: info@k94life.org

Services: Provides service dogs to assist people with physical disabilities to increase their independence.

Eligibility: 12 years and older with physical disabilities. Persons using a wheelchair or having difficulty walking.

Fee: Request $900 donation

CHAPEL HAVEN, INC.

1040 Whalley Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515

203-397-1714, ext. 113
Fax: 203-392-3698

www.chapelhaven.org

E-Mail: jlefkowitz@chapelhaven.org

Services: A state-approved private special education and independent living program for cognitively disabled adults. It is comprised of a licensed education program and nationally accredited transitional living program. Chapel Haven services 29 residents and a small number of day students in its two-year educational program and 100+ community members through its Supported Living Program.

Fee: Contact for information

CO-MANS, INC.

P. O. Box 7151
Penndel, PA 19047

215-750-7526

E-Mail: comansinc@aol.com

Services: Transitional housing program, also referred to as a Community Residential Rehabilitation Program. Provides permanent housing in the form of supported living services. Provides rehabilitation services to clients with a history of mental illness who are in need of specialized skill training prior to independent community living.

Fee: Sliding scale

COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.

612 Second Street Pike
Southampton, PA 18966

215-942-7671
Fax: 215-942-7677

www.comop.org

E-Mail: Sherry.Franklin@comop.org

Services: Supported employment and living

Fee: Funded through MH/MR

DEAF-REACH

3521 12th Street, N E
Washington, DC 20017

Voice/TT: 202-832-6681
Fax: 202-832-8454

www.deaf-reach.org

E-Mail: info@deaf-reach.org

Services: Referral, education, advocacy, counseling, and housing. Undergraduate and graduate internships are available to qualified students who are deaf, hard of hearing, and non-deaf with signing skills. Offers chemical dependency program for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, job development, and a day program for prevocational services.

DELCO BLIND/SIGHT CENTER

100 W. 15th Street
Chester, PA 19013-9998

610-874-1476
Fax: 610-874-6454

www.delcoblind.org

E-Mail: rosemary.keefe@delcoblind.org

Services: Rehabilitation training, on-site dormitory, computer and access technology training, vocational assessment and career exploration, employment services, social services, in-home geriatric rehabilitation, low vision services, psychological services, support groups, transportation, information, community education, and IDEAL summer transition program.

Eligibility: Visually impaired or blind adults 18 years of age or older; IDEAL summer program: visually impaired or blind high school students ages 15 to 21.

Fee: Coordinated with Blindness and Visual Services or Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

DELTA COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Community Center
1700 Woodbourne Road
Levittown, PA 19057-1502
215-943-9230; Fax: 215-943-7391

www.deltaweb.org
E-Mail: chennessy@deltaweb.org

Residential Services
1034 Mill Creek Drive
Feasterville, PA 19047-7321
215-953-9255; Fax: 215-953-9207

www.deltaweb.org
E-Mail: Nwolf@deltaweb.org

Services: Community Center activities are designed to enhance interests and hobbies as well as encourage those who attend to try new experiences. Caring staff facilitate community inclusion through volunteerism, recreation and participation. Residential services involve short term and long term community living arrangements. Person-centered services with community inclusion and caring staff. Respite care service is also available.

Eligibility: Individuals with diagnosed developmental disabilities over age 21 in Bucks County. Respite services available to individuals below the age of 21.

Fee: Varies; funded through MH/MR system; some services available on a fee-for-service basis.

DEVEREUX

125 Leopard Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

610-251-2407
Fax: 610-251-2415

www.devereux.org

Services: Pre-vocational and vocational evaluation and training, work experience, comprehensive home and recreational programs, clinical services, psychiatric and psychological services, residential and day programs, respite care.

Contact: Admissions

Eligibility: Young adults and adults who have emotional and/or developmental disabilities.

Fee: Varies with the service(s) provided

DISABILITY RESOURCES MONTHLY

2000 Disability Resources, Inc.
4 Glatter Lane
Centereach, NY 11720

Tel/Fax: 631-585-0290

www.disabilityresource.org

Services: A monthly newsletter that monitors, reviews, and reports on resources for independent living.

DISABLED AND ALONE - LIFE SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, INC.

352 Park Avenue South, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10010

800-995-0066; 212-532-6740
Fax: 212-532-3588

www.disabledandalone.org

E-Mail: disabledandalone@aol.com

Services: Helps aging families prepare for when they will not be able to care for their disabled loved ones; provides direct services for people with disabilities whose families have left funds for their care; helps families satisfactorily answer the question, "Who will look after our disabled loved one when we are gone?" Publishes the newsletter Life Lines three times a year (available n request).

Fee: Free information and consultation; $3,000 membership for planning services

DISABLED DRIVER'S MOBILITY GUIDE

AAA National Office
1000 AAA Drive
Heathrow, FL 32746-5063

407-444-7000

Contact local AAA office

Beginning January, 2004:
www.AAApublicaffairs.com

Services: Compiled by AAA, this 168 page paperback provides a wealth of information and resources about adaptive vehicle equipment selection and use. Includes a state-by-state directory of adaptive vehicle companies, training facilities, organizations, and related services. Information about other travel services, such as air and bus, is also included.

EASTER SEALS, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

National Headquarters
700 Thirteen St., NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
202-347-3066

Bucks County
2400 Trenton Road
Levittown, PA 19056
215-945-7200

Eastern Pennsylvania
1503 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104
610-289-0114
www.easter-seals.org

Montgomery County
1161 Forty Foot Road, P.O. Box 333
Kulpsville, PA 19443
215-368-7000
E-Mail: info@easter-seals.org

Services: Provides appropriate developmental and rehabilitation services to children and adults with disabilities and their families. Local services may include:
Services for Children: Early Intervention, Child Development Centers, part-time after school programs, preschool, tutoring
Medical Rehabilitation: for children and adults, including physical and occupational therapies, wellness programs, movement and mobility
Vocational Services: employment services for adults and transition from school to work
Adult and Senior Day Services: respite, in-home programs
Camping & Recreation: day camps, residential camps for children and adults
Residential Housing Services
Support Services: support groups, transportation, equipment loan, information and referral to local disability community services
Disability Help Line: information and referral services through National Office

FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF SUBURBAN PHILADELPHIA

225 South Chester Road, Suite 1
Swarthmore, PA 19081-1919

610-604-4411
Fax: 610-604-4424

http://fhcsp.fairhousing.com

Services: Provides education, enforcement and consulting work regarding the Fair Housing Act, which protects people on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, if they have children, or if they have a disability.

Eligibility: Anyone, including the disabled, having problems with housing discrimination

Fee: None

FAMILY TRUST OF ACHIEVA, THE

711 Bingham Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

412-995-5000, ext. 405 or 434
Fax: 412-995-5001

www.thefamilytrust.org

E-Mail: marias@thefamilytrust.org

Services: Consultation on estate planning for persons with disabilities and their families. Also trust management services that protect government benefits.

Fee: Annual fees on a sliding scale for trust management only

FREEDOM VALLEY DISABILITIES CENTER

3607 Chapel Road
Newtown Square, PA 19073

610-353-6640

Services: Community-based Center for Independent Living. Provides information and referral, peer support counseling, advocacy, and independent living skills training. Also a resource center to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of disability issues, community education, and technical assistance in complying with the ADA and the Fair Housing Act.

GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION DRIVING PROGRAM

820 S. 5th Street
Allentown, PA 18103-3298

610-776-8302
Fax: 610-776-3551

www.goodshepardrehab.org

E-Mail: abrown@gsrh.org

Services: Provides a comprehensive 2 hour driving evaluation which includes a clinical evaluation and a behind the wheel evaluation. Also provides additional training sessions and adaptive equipment assessments.

Eligibility: Includes new drivers, amputees, those with birth defects, brain injury, neuromuscular diseases, spinal cord injury, stroke, dementia. Individual must be seizure free for 6 months, medically stable, and have a doctor's prescription.

Fee: $259 for the evaluation, $108 per hour for training

GROWTH HORIZONS
1981 Hartel Avenue
Levittown, PA 19057
215-945-9005

Services: Residential services, sheltered workshop

Eligibility: Any handicapped adult determined eligible by MH/MR or Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR).

Fee: Funded through MH/MR or OVR

GUIDE DOG FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND, INC.
371 E. Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787
800-548-4337; 631-265-2121
Fax: 631-361-5192

www.GuideDog.org
E-Mail: guidedog@guidedog.org

Services: More than eyes for a blind person, a guide dog provides independence, security, and companionship. Help us breed, train, and give guide dogs without charge.

Fee: None

HORIZON HOUSE
120 South 30th Street, 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-386-5320
Fax: 215-382-9361

www.hhinc.org
E-Mail: horizon.house@hhinc.org

Services: Provides community homes with 24-hour supervision for adults with mental retardation.

Fee: Funded through MH/MR

HORIZONS SCHOOL, THE

2111 University Boulevard
Birmingham, AL 35233
800-822-6242; 205-322-6606
Fax: 205-322-6605

www.horizonsschool.org
E-Mail: mcelheny@horizonsschool.org

Services: A post-secondary, non-degree program for students with specific learning disabilities and other mild learning problems. This specially designed, three year program prepares individuals for a successful transition to the community with individualized curriculum focusing on the use of self-determination skills as students work toward personal, social, and career independence.

HOUSING CONSORTIUM FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

4701 Pine Street, Box 28
Philadelphia, PA 19143

215-528-5848

E-Mail: HCDIhelps@aol.com

Services: Housing counseling; adaptive modifications, technical assistance

Fee: Free to citizens of Philadelphia, Sliding Scale for all others

INDEPENDENCE CENTER

3640 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, #102
Los Angeles, CA 90034

310-202-7102
Fax: 310-202-7180

www.independencecenter.com

E-Mail: judym@independencecenter.com

Services: Established in 1985, Independence Center is a mainstreamed transitional independent living program for young adults with learning disabilities. The Center develops independent living, vocational, social, and social communication skills. Program participants, who come from throughout he United States, are expected to work and/or continue their education.

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESEARCH UTILIZATION PROJECT

2323 S. Sheperd, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77019

Voice: 713-520-0232; TTY: 713-520-5136
Fax: 713-520-5785

www.ILRU.org

Services: Maintains a national computerized list of independent living programs and services.

Fee: Contact for information

INDIAN CREEK FOUNDATION

573 Yoder Road, P.O. Box 225
Harleysville, PA 19438-0225

215-256-8795; 215-256-1500
Fax: 215-256-3018

www.indiancreekfoundation.org

E-Mail: RThompson@indiancreekfoundation.org

Services: Supported employment program, mobile work force, and employment in Industry 63 - a production facility offering services in light manufacturing, assembly, packaging up to 70 pounds, salvage/rework, collating/binding, postal service/letter stuffing/bulk mail preparation. Residential services.

Eligibility: Developmentally disabled individuals

Fee: Private pay; also through MH/MR

INTERFAITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP. OF BUCKS COUNTY

100 Corell Drive, #600
Suite 102
Bristol, PA 19007

215-945-8630

Fax: 215-945-8699

www.ihdcbc.org

Services: Affordable housing for rent or sale

Eligibility: Low income - less than 80% of median income

Fee: Nominal fee for mortgage counseling, which includes a credit report.

JESPY HOUSE

65 Academy Street
South Orange, NJ 07079

973-762-6909

Fax: 973-762-5610

Services: Provides young adults the opportunity to live in a supervised apartment setting and develop basic life skills, social skills, latent abilities and independence. Residents are placed in the local job market upon arrival at the program, and supervision is provided by a vocational counselor. Also provides a comprehensive recreational program.

Fee: Funded through Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

LIFE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

18001 N. 79th Avenue, Suite E-71
Glendale, AZ 85308

623-773-2774

Fax: 623-773-2788

www.life-development-inst.org

E-Mail: LDlinARIZ@aol.com

Services: Conducts secondary and postsecondary programs for students with learning disabilities, attention deficit, hyperactivity and related disorders. Placement in college, vocational technical training, or competitive employment tracks from the core of program instruction as determined by a career planning process called the Vocational Research Project. Students reside in their own apartments located adjacent to the program office building. Support tutorial, student advisement and mentoring, social/recreational activities, and leadership development are additional services that comprise the balance of the curriculum.

Fee: Contact for information

LIFEPATH, INC.

22 Almont Road
Sellersville, PA 18960

215-257-0471
Fax: 215-257-0530

Services: Provides a wide array of services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including early intervention; supported, companion and family living; adult and seniors' programs; employment services; supervised living in community homes; respite care; mental health clinic and counseling; in-home supports; a specialized pediatric nursing care facility, and community vouchers.

Eligibility: Minimum 21 years of age, diagnosis of mental retardation/developmental disability

Fee: Variable

LIFESPAN ADULT DAY SERVICES

145 Main Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073-1372
215-679-2659

Rt. 663 & Commerce Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-6016

E-Mail: MBIAGIOLI@IQ.org

Services: Provides services for adults, primarily elders, needing assistance to live independently. Program includes hot meals and nutritious snacks, social and educational programming, health screening, monitoring, and geriatric exercise program, socialization, and caregiver support.

Fee: Varies

LYNCH HOMES, INC.

216 Cedar Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090

215-784-0300
Fax: 215-784-0616

www.lynchservices.com

Services: Group homes and adult day programs for persons with mental retardation and medical and physical disabilities from infancy through adulthood.

Fee: Funded through MH/MR

MOSS REHAB DRIVING SCHOOL

Einstein Plaza, Suite 203
201 Old York Road
Philadelphia, PA 19046

215-886-7706

Fax: 215-886-7709

www.einsteinrehab.edu

E-Mail: dbasore@einstein.edu

Services: Provides driver evaluations and in-vehicle driver training. Equipment assessments as well as potential to drive are provided. School offers assistance with state driver's examination. School has the experience and equipment available to work with persons with severe disabilities.

Eligibility: Persons age 16 plus, with physical and/or cognitive impairment

NEW LIFESTYLES, INC.

411 S. Cameron Street
Winchester, VA 22601

540-722-4521

www.newlifestyles.net

E-Mail: Ken@newlifestyles.net

Services: Intensive clinical, behavioral, motivational, and psycho-educational support for male and female students between 18 and 26 years of age, with average to above average intellectual functioning. Clinical services includes individual and group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, career evaluation, and coordination with psychiatric supports when indicated. Behavioral services include graduated privileges based on the performance of phase program requirements that include daily living tasks, e.g. awakening on schedule, attending college/work, managing medications, etc. Motivational supports include weekly targeted goals and the development of a meaningful mission and vision. Students attend school or work while participating in the program and living in their own apartments.

PA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS, INC.

346 Church Street
St. Marys, PA 15857

814-781-7860

Fax: 814-781-7860

www.paelks.com

E-Mail: patn@ncentral.com

Services: In-home medical case management to help clients receive services to become independent.

Fee: None

PLAN OF PA

110 West Lancaster Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087

610-687-4036
Fax: 610-687-2716

E-Mail: mail.planofpa@verizon.net

Services: Private case management, long-term care and planning after primary caretaker is unable to provide care, Special Needs Trust, Financial services.

Eligibility: Adults (over 18) with a mental disability in the Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, and Philadelphia Counties.

PN / PARAPLEGIA NEWS

2111 East Highland Avenue, Suite 180
Phoenix, AZ 85016-4702

888-888-2201; 602-224-0500
Fax: 602-224-0507

www.pn-magazine.com

E-Mail: info@pnnews.com

Services: News information magazine for people with mobility impairments. Covers the latest on spinal cord injury research, new products, legislation that impacts people with disabilities, accessible travel, computer options, car/van adaptations, human interest stories, news for veterans, and articles on housing, employment, health care, and all issues affecting wheelers and caregivers.

Fee: $23 annual subscription fee

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR EDUCATION (PACE)

National-Louis University
2840 Sheridan Road
Evanston, IL 60201-1796

800-443-5522, x2670

Fax: 508-888-1315

www3.nl.edu/academics/nce/programs/pace

E-Mail: cburns@evan1.nl.edu

Services: Provides students with instruction and opportunities in vocational, academic, as well as independent living skills that will empower them to be successful and contributing adults in the larger community. Students live on campus for two years and after graduation have the option of continuing in the transition portion of the program, living in apartments and working at paying jobs in the community.

Eligibility: Young adults with multiple learning disabilities, high school diploma

Fee: Contact for information regarding tuition and room and board.

PROJECT GROW - GETTING READY FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD

551 Route 6A
East Sandwich, MA 02537

508-888-3699
Fax: 508-888-1315

www.riverviewschool.org

E-Mail: grow@riverviewschool.org

Services: Independent living skills, life skills and vocational skills are taught in a supportive environment and incorporated into each student's daily schedule. The goal of the program is to increase each student's independent skills to assist him/her in becoming a productive member of society (10 and 12 month programs are available).

PROJECT TRANSITION

200 High Point Drive
Horsham, PA 19044

215-997-9959
Fax: 215-997-1550

www.projecttransition.com

E-Mail: projtrans1@aol.com

Services: Residential and partial hospital programs provided in a community-based setting. Comprehensive psychiatric and psychological services.

Eligibility: Young adults with psychiatric, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis disorders

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS

1 N. Wilson Avenue
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-8711
Fax: 215-781-8716

www.bcrda.com

E-Mail: bcrda@aol.com

Services: Rehabilitates owner-occupied dwellings through zero interest mortgages.

Fee: None

RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER ON INDEPENDENT LIVING

University of Kansas
1000 Sunnyside Avenue
4089 Dole
Lawrence, KS 66045-2930

785-864-4095; TDD: 785-864-0706

Fax: 785-864-5063

www.rtcil.org

E-Mail: rtcil@ku.edu

Services: To conduct research that supports the ability of persons with all types of disabilities to live independently in the community. Specific areas of research include health promotions of persons with disabilities, community participation, and dissemination of disability research in user-friendly formats. Provides technical assistance and features four websites with many no-cost downloadable items that can be accessed through the main web address listed above.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING OPTIONS, INC.

770 East Market Street, Suite 195
West Chester, PA 19382

610-344-7789

Fax: 610-344-9315

E-Mail: rloinc@aol.com

Services: To assist people with disabilities and their families in the creation of self determined housing options by providing alternatives, incentive, education, and collaboration within the community. Provides monthly meetings for those with the common desire for safe, secure housing to get together and share information. Speakers Bureau.

SELF-DETERMINATION HOUSING PROJECT OF PA (SDHP)

119 South Easton Road
Glenside, PA 19038

215-884-2091

Fax: 215-884-0924

www.sdhp.org

Charolett@sdhp.org

Services: Bridges the housing and disability communities through education, information, training and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, families, advocates, government officials, service providers, and housing professionals. SDHP encourages and initiates state and local partnerships and coalitions that help people with disabilities realize housing of their choice and preference.

Fee: No charge

SPECIAL PEOPLE IN NORTHEAST, INC. (SPIN)

10521 Drummond Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

215-613-1013
Fax: 215-613-1038

www.spininc.org

Services: Adult residences; family life sharing; day programs including CIE, in-home and community supports, daycare, early intervention, Head-Start, and Early Head-Start.

Eligibility: Adults and children with mental retardation. Children's programs are often open to both children with and without disabilities.

Fee: Depends on service

THRESHOLD PROGRAM, Lesley University

29 Everett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

617-349-8181
Fax: 617-349-8189

www.lesley.edu

Services: A two-to-three year non-degree, college-based program that helps young adults develop the academic, vocational, social, and independent living skills necessary for independence. Students prepare for paraprofessional roles in offices, early childhood settings, or settings that serve elderly or disabled consumers. Most graduates participate in Threshold's third year Transition Program, which provides support as they venture into apartment living and paid employment.

Fee: Contact for information

TRANSITIONAL APARTMENT PROGRAM

18 Park Street
Lee, MA 01238

413-243-2576
Fax: 413-243-3351

www.berkshirecenter.org

Services: An independent living program for adults with learning disabilities, ages 18-30. Offers full clinical services, vocational training, the opportunity to earn a GED or to go on to college and a residential program. Also includes a major travel experience each year. Residents receive training in supervised apartments and participate in paid or voluntary job placements.

U.S. ACCESS BOARD

1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004-1111

202-272-0080
Fax: 202-272-0081

www.access-board.gov

E-Mail: info@access-board.gov

Services: Technical assistance and training on Board guidelines for accessible design of facilities, transit vehicles, telecommunications products, electronic and information technology; investigates complaints concerning access to federally funded facilities.

Fee: None

VANGUARD SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

1777 N. Valley Road
Paoli, PA 19301-0730

610-296-6700, ext. 105

www.vanguardschool-PA.org

E-Mail: JaMurray@vanguardschool-PA.org

Services: Students receive vocational and other assessments and individually planned transition IEPs which include input from Vanguard staff, school district of residence, parent, student, and when available, adult service providers. All students participate in one or more of the following each semester: community service projects, on- or off- campus paid work experience or unpaid pre-vocational training, vocational-technical school attendance and/or community college education. Academic, social skills and independent living instruction continues. Supportive services include speech, reading, occupational and physical therapy, nursing, psychological and counseling services, and others. Follow up research conducted over more than 25 years indicates extremely high post-graduate employment success.

Eligibility: All students enrolled in the Vanguard School's Upper or High School Program.

Fee: For most students, tuition is paid by the home school district and state department of education through the "approved private school" process. Opportunities exist for private or insurance company support also.

VISTA VOCATIONAL AND LIFE SKILLS CENTER, INC.

1356 Old Clinton Road
Westbrook, CT 06498

860-399-8080

www.vistavocational.org

Services: An individualized residential and apartment based training program for young adults in transition to work and independent living. Includes work experiences, individual and group counseling, seminars and independent living training. Addresses skills in peer and interpersonal relationships, positive self-esteem, successful employment, independent living, and time management. Long term supports and developmental disabilities services also available.

Eligibility: Young adults with neurological impairments

Fee: Contact for information

VOCATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM
New York Institute of Technology

Independence Hall
Central Islip, NY 11722

516-348-3354
Fax: 516-348-0437

www.vip-at-nyit.org

E-Mail: JRein@nyit.edu or pcaspi@nyit.edu

Services: A three year certificate program for students with moderate to severe learning disabilities, ages 18-30. The curriculum emphasizes independent living, social, and vocational skills as well as individual academic support. Track II, for students with higher academic skills, prepares them for degree work.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS, INC.

P.O. Box 12
Glenmoore, PA 19343

610-942-3266

www.waccess.org

E-Mail: fgomez@waccess.org

Services: Web Site has information on wheelchair accessible houses for sale and other resources for individuals with disabilities.

Fee: None

RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

ACCESS THE ARTS, ETC. ... A GUIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
215-951-0316

www.art-reach.org E-Mail: artreach @ libertynet.org

Services: An 80 page free booklet for people with physical disabilities, blindness, or hearing impairment which describes facilities in 76 of the Delaware Valley's cultural and historic venues, including the Painted Bride Art Center, the New Jersey State Aquarium, the Michener Art Center, and the Delaware Art Museum. Includes convenience of parking facilities, accessibility of entranceways, special accommodations for seating, telephone accessibility to people in wheelchairs, availability of printed matter in Braille, availability of sign-language interpretation, etc. Guide is free and is available online.

ALBERT EINSTEIN HEALTH CARE NETWORK,
MOSS REHABILITATION HOSPITAL TRAVEL

1200 W. Tabor Road 215-456-5882
Philadelphia, PA 19141

www.mossresourcenet.org

Services: Telephone and website information regarding travel for individuals with physical disabilities.

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND
1839 Frankfort Avenue 800-223-1839; 502-895-2405
Louisville, KY 40206-0085 Fax: 502-899-2274

www.aph.org E-Mail: info@aph.org

Services: Manufactures materials for the use of people with visual impairments of all ages. Reading materials include books in Braille, large type, and recorded form. Educational aids, tools and supplies include Braille writing and embossing equipment; computer software and hardware; educational games; low vision aids; Braille and large type paper, binders and notebooks. Catalogues are available at no cost in print and on cassette.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

One Scout Way
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-348-9436; Fax: 215-348-7205

www.voicenet.com/campock

Ockanickon Scout Reservation
5787 State Park Road
Pipersville, PA 18947

215-297-5290 (Voice Mail); Fax: 215-297-8702

E-Mail: council@buckscountyBSA.org

Services: Provides scouting program for youth in Bucks County. Helps to develop character, citizenship, and fitness in young people, as well as fight child and drug abuse, hunger, illiteracy, and youth unemployment.

Fee: for membership

BUCKS COUNTY CONFERENCE AND VISITORS BUREAU

3207 Street Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

www.experiencebuckscounty.org

215-639-0300

Fax: 215-642-3276

E-Mail: bccub@bccub.org

Services: A private, non-profit (501) (c) (6) whose mission is to increase visitation in Bucks County by effectively marketing its heritage, diverse sites and attractions. Unpaid memberships are available to students who are matriculated in an accredited hospitality program.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

901 E. Bridgetown Pike
Langhorne, PA 19047

215-757-0571; 215-348-6114

Services: 22 County parks comprising over 7,000 acres offering both passive and active recreation. Facilities include nature centers, pools, tennis centers, hostel, golf course, campgrounds. Activities in parks include boating, fishing, picnicking, hiking, kite day,Teen Adventure camps, bus trips, camping, polo matches, boat and water safety certification.

Fee: Varies

CAMP JOY

3325 Swamp Creek Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

www.campjoy.com

610-754-6878
Fax: 610-754-7880

E-Mail: campjoy@fast.net

Services: Summer Camp - 11 weeks, day or overnight, weekly sessions
Respite weekends, 2 per month from October through May

Eligibility: Age 4 and older with a disability

Fee: Weekend - $310; 6 day - $930; Day Camp - $100 per day

CAMP MEN-O-LAN

1415 Doerr Road
Quakertown, PA 18951

www.menolan.org

215-679-5144
215-679-0226

Services: Overnight and day programs in camp setting, special adventure activities, including climbing tower, ropes course, confidence course. Also boating, fishing, sand volleyball, gym and ball fields.

Fee: Based on activity and accommodations

CAPTIONED MEDIA PROGRAM
National Association of the Deaf

1447 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29307

www.cfv.org

Voice: 808-237-6213; TTY: 800-237-6819
Fax: 800-538-5636

E-mail: info@cfv.org

Services: Free-loan, open-captioned videos to deaf and hard of hearing persons. More than 4,000 titles including classic movies, educational videos, and special interest videos are available. Some Spanish language captioned media is available, and some media is also delivered through Internet streaming. The CMP is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is administered by the National Association of the Deaf.

Eligibility: An individual with some type of hearing loss or a parent, teacher, or professional working with individuals with some type of hearing loss.

Fee: None

CENTRAL BUCKS FAMILY YMCA

2500 Lower State Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-348-8131
Fax: 215-348-1329

Services: Programs for all ages, including child care, youth sports, teen-centered activities, fitness, swimming and camping. Extensive outreach, collaboration with other community organizations providing financial assistance and promotion of health and wellness.

Fee: Varies; financial assistance available

CENTRAL BUCKS SPECIAL FRIENDS

215-345-0690

Contact Joan Arrowood

Services: Recreational group for young people and adults with developmental delays, ages 13 and older

CHURCHVILLE NATURE CENTER

501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, PA 18966

215-357-4005

www.churchvillenaturecenter.org

E-Mail: churchvillenaturecenter@co.bucks.pa.us

Services: Environmental Education Center whose goals are to instill an awareness and appreciation of the natural world in all people through education, and to promote responsible environmental stewardship with a commitment to the preservation of resources and wildlife habitat. There are 54 acres, two miles of trails, a library, a building with various exhibits, and a 1500 AD Lenape Village. Programs for school groups, families, and off-site field trips for backpacking, canoeing, day hiking, and cross-country skiing, natural wildlife gardens area, and the Lenape Life programs.

Fee: Varies

CORT CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED RIDING, INC.

2257 Pleasant Hollow Road
Coopersburg, PA 18036

610-346-7294
Fax: 610-346-6306

www.pleasanthollow.com

Services: Therapeutic horseback riding lessons for adults and children with disabilities.

Fee: Varies with services provided

DELTA COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

Community Center
1700 Woodbourne Road
Levittown, PA 19057-1502
215-943-9230; Fax: 215-943-7391
www.deltaweb.org
E-Mail: chennessy@deltaweb.org

Residential Services
1034 Mill Creek Drive
Feasterville, PA 19047-7321
215-953-9255; Fax: 215-953-9207
www.deltaweb.org
E-Mail: Nwolf@deltaweb.org

Services: Community Center activities are designed to enhance interests and hobbies as well as encourage those who attend to try new experiences. Caring staff facilitate community inclusion through volunteerism, recreation and participation. Residential services involve short term and long term community living arrangements. Person-centered services with community inclusion and caring staff. Respite care service is also available.

Eligibility: Individuals with diagnosed developmental disabilities over age 21 in Bucks County. Respite services available to individuals below the age of 21.

Fee: Varies; funded through MH/MR system; some services available on a fee-for-service basis.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Bureau Of State Parks

Regional Park Office #4
2808 Three Mile Run Road
Perkasie, PA 18944-2065
215-453-5000
www.dcnv.state.pa.us
E-Mail: parkregion4sp@state.pa.us

Services: Provides recreational experiences, including camping.

Fee: Many activities are free; fees charged for certain programs such as camping, family cabins, pavilions

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1849 C Street, NW, Room 7253
Washington, DC 20240
202-208-6843
www.nps.gov/park.html

Services: Accepts inquiries on all of its 370 national parks, 7 regional offices, activities and facilities. Information on accessibility of park programs, facilities, and services is best acquired directly from the park or area that will be visited. For general information on park areas and activities, and a listing of park phone numbers, call the number listed above.

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1000 AAA Drive
Heathrow, FL 32746-5063

407-444-7000

Contact local AAA office

In Jan., 2004: www.AAApublicaffairs.com

Services: Compiled by AAA, this 168 page paperback provides a wealth of information and resources about adaptive vehicle equipment selection and use. Includes a state-by-state directory of adaptive vehicle companies, training facilities, organizations, and related services. Information about other travel services, such as air and bus, is also included.

DISABLED SPORTS USA

451 Hungerford Drive, #100
Rockville, MD 20850

Voice: 301-217-9840
TTY: 301-217-0963

www.disabledsportsusa.org
www.dsusa.org

E-Mail: information@dsusa.org

Services: In conjunction with its nationwide network of chapters serving people in all 50 states and Puerto Rico, Disabled Sports USA offers such activities as snow skiing, water skiing, bicycling, white water rafting, horseback riding, mountain climbing, sailing, camping, and track and field. See Local Chapter listing: **Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sports**.

EASTER SEALS, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

National Headquarters
700 Thirteen St., NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
202-347-3066

Eastern Pennsylvania
1503 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104
610-289-0114
www.easter-seals.org

Bucks County
2400 Trenton Road
Levittown, PA 19056
215-945-7200

Montgomery County
1161 Forty Foot Road, P.O. Box 333
Kulpsville, PA 19443
215-368-7000
E-Mail: info@easter-seals.org

Services: Provides appropriate developmental and rehabilitation services to children and adults with disabilities and their families. Local services may include:
Services for Children: Early Intervention, Child Development Centers, part-time after school programs, preschool, tutoring
Medical Rehabilitation: for children and adults, including physical and occupational therapies, wellness programs, movement and mobility
Vocational Services: employment services for adults and transition from school to work
Adult and Senior Day Services: respite, in-home programs
Camping & Recreation: day camps, residential camps for children and adults
Residential Housing Services
Support Services: support groups, transportation, equipment loan, information and referral to local disability community services
Disability Help Line: information and referral services through National Office

FREE LIBRARY OF PHILA.- LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-683-3213

E-Mail: flpblind@library.phila.gov

Services: Provides library services to any person unable to read conventional ink print due to visual disability, or any person unable to hold a book due to a physical disability. Also provides Adult Basic Education and GED programs.

Fee: None

FREEDOM VALLEY GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

100 Juliette Low Way
Valley Forge, PA 19482

800-355-3847; 610-933-7555
Fax: 610-935-2714

Contact: Patricia Lefebvre at 215-295-3868.

Services: Represents more than 23,000 girls, ages 6-17. Special needs troops for girls with any physical, mental, or developmental disability available in Warminster at the McDonald School, in Bristol at the Lafayette School, in Feasterville at the Scottsville Methodist Church. A troop for the hearing impaired is forming for ages 6-10 in the Langhorne area. Summer day and overnight camping opportunities are available.

Fee: Membership and activity fees; financial assistance available

FREEDOM'S WINGS INTERNATIONAL

Van Sant Airport
1832 Lake Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

908-232-6354

www.freedomswings.org

Services: Provides an opportunity for those who are physically challenged to fly in specially adapted sailplanes, either as a passenger or as a member of the flight training program. Also provides training for instructors, ground crew, and flying students.

Fee: No charge for an introductory flight; $40 for subsequent flights or flights for able-bodied companions. Flight training scholarships available.

GUIDED TOUR, INC.

7900 Old York Road, Suite 114B
Elkins Park, PA 19027-2339

215-782-1370
Fax: 215-635-2637

www.guidedtour.com

E-mail: gtour400@aol.com

Services: Provides supervised vacations for persons 17 and over, safely and with dignity. Destinations all over the United States and world; Camp in the Poconos; Vacation program at the Jersey Shore. Staff to traveler ratio is one staff person to every three travelers.

Fee: Varies according to destination and number of days (3-12 days).

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE - SPECIAL NEEDS DEPARTMENT

10125 Verree Road, Suite 304
Philadelphia, PA 19116

215-673-0100, ext. 123
Fax: 215-934-6284

Services: Recreational activities, counseling, support groups, advocacy, information and referral, job coaching, life skills training.

Eligibility: Children and adults with special needs

Fee: Sliding scale

KARDON INSTITUTE FOR ARTS THERAPY

10700 Knights Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

215-637-2077
Fax: 215-637-2079

www.kardoninstitute.org

E-Mail: email@kardoninstitue.org

Services: Music and dance therapy and instruction for people with disabilities. On-site and outreach services.

Eligibility: People of all ages with any type of disability

Fee: $19 per one-half hour; financial aid available

LOWER BUCKS FAMILY YMCA

601 S. Oxford Valley Road
Fairless Hills, PA 19030
215-949-3400

171 N. Second Street Pike
Churchville, PA 18966
215-364-1200

200 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Morrisville, PA 19067
215-736-8077

866 W. Bristol Road
Warminster, PA 18974
215-682-9489

Services: Programs promoting strong kids, strong families and strong communities by developing a healthy spirit, mind and body in children and adults that foster caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Includes day care and nursery school, before and after school child care, teen night and teen center, summer camp, special needs summer camp, physical education, fitness, athletics, swimming instruction, and volunteerism.

Fee: Varies

MAGEE REHABILITATION - RECREATION TECHNOLOGY FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

6 Franklin Plaza
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1177

215-587-3400

www.mageerehab.org

E-Mail: pthieringer@mageerehab.org

Services: Assists anyone with a physical disability interested in pursuing leisure activities through involvement with a variety of disability and recreation agencies throughout the Delaware Valley. Publishes the Magee Recreation Resource Guide For People With Disabilities.

Fee: Contact for information

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL, USA

P.O. Box 10767
Eugene, OR 97440

Voice/TTY: 541-343-1284
Fax: 541-343-6812

www.miusa.org

E-Mail: info@miusa.org

Services: Information and referral for including persons with disabilities worldwide into international educational exchange, leadership development, disability rights training, and community service. Exchanges have been coordinated in Asia, Africa, Central America, Europe, and South America. The National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange (NCDE) provides free information and referrals on work study, research, and volunteer programs globally. NCDE also has disability resources internationally online and in publications.

Fee: Contact for free information

NATIONAL CAPTIONING INSTITUTE

1900 Gallows Road, Suite 3000
Vienna, VA 22182

Voice/TTY: 703-917-7600
Fax: 703-917-9878

www.ncicap.org

E-mail: mail@ncicap.org

Services: Provides closed-captioned technology and related services to the broadcast, cable and home video industries for the benefit of people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing and others. In addition, NCI provides access to televised and recorded video programming for people who are blind or have low vision. This service involves describing a program's visual elements for placement on the SAP (Secondary Audio Programming) channel of televised programming.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ART AND DISABILITIES (NIAD)

551 23rd Street
Richmond, CA 94804

www.niadart.org

510-620-0290
Fax: 510-620-0326

E-mail: reddot@niadart.com

Services: Provides an innovative, interdisciplinary visual art studio program, emphasis on the professional exhibition of NIAD artists' work, opportunities for NIAD artists to earn income and recognition through the marketing and reproduction of their work, professional training for those interested in the field of art and disabilities, and dissemination of the NIAD model, both nationally and internationally.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

www.loc.gov/nls

Voice: 202-707-5100; TDD: 202-707-0744
Fax: 202-707-0712

E-mail: nls@loc.gov

Services: A national library service that provides recorded and Braille books and magazines on free loan to anyone who cannot read standard print because of permanent or temporary visual or physical disabilities.

Fee: None

NOCKAMIXON STATE PARK

1542 Mountain View Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951

www.dcnr.state.pa.us

215-529-7300

Services: Recreational facilities, including hiking, horse trails,swimming pool, boat rentals, family cabins. For cabin information and reservations or for general park information for any Pennsylvania State Park, call 1-888-PA-PARKS (1-888-727-2757).

Fee: No charge for admission or parking; Fees for pool, boat rental, and cabins.

NORTH PENN YMCA

608 East Main Street
Lansdale, PA 19446
215-368-1601

Harleysville Center
311 Alumni Avenue
Harleysville, PA 19438
215-256-0767

Services: Facilities include two pools, family wellness center, free weights, cybex equipment, cardio equipment, weight room, climbing wall and racquetball.

Fee: Varies

PEACE VALLEY NATURE CENTER

170 Chapman Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-7860

www.peacevalleynaturecenter.org
E-Mail: peacevalleynaturecenter@co.bucks.pa.us

Services: Provides a variety of environmental education experiences, with "hands-on" guided nature walks for children, adults, and families. Nature Center includes fourteen miles of trails, a solar building, sunflower shop, and bird blind.

Fee: None; varies for teacher/naturalist led walks

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR BLIND ATHLETES

465 Maplewood Road
Springfield, PA 19064-2901
800-596-5146, 33

www.pablindsports.org

Contact: Sandy White, Sports Administrator
Services: Promotes, advocates and provides sports, recreation and social opportunities for blind and visually impaired individuals.

Fee: Membership dues

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

931 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102
717-920-9999

E-Mail: pcbl@paonline.com

Services: Helps blind and visually impaired individuals learn independent travel, care for personal needs, get involved in social and recreational activities, get information about employment opportunities and benefits. Provides advocacy services.

Fee: None

PN / PARAPLEGIA NEWS

2111 East Highland Avenue, Suite 180
Phoenix, AZ 85016-4702

888-888-2201; 602-224-0500
Fax: 602-224-0507

www.pn-magazine.com

E-Mail: info@pnnews.com

Services: News information magazine for people with mobility impairments. Covers the latest on spinal cord injury research, new products, legislation that impacts people with disabilities, accessible travel, computer options, car/van adaptations, human interest stories, news for veterans, and articles on housing, employment, health care, and all issues affecting wheelers and caregivers.

Fee: $23 annual subscription fee

RECORDING FOR THE BLIND AND DYSLEXIC, INC.

20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540

609-452-0606
Fax: 609-520-7990

www.rfbd.org

Book orders only: 800-221-4792

Services: Provides audio educational books on CD and cassettes, library services, and other educational and professional resources to individuals who cannot read standard print because of a visual, physical, or perceptual disability.

Fee: Annual membership fee; documentation of a disability and a registration fee are required.

SEBASTIAN RIDING ASSOCIATES

3589 B Water Street
Collegeville, PA 19426

610-489-3741

www.sebastianriding.org

Services: Provides therapeutic horseback riding and hippotherapy for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. Benefits are psychological, physical, social and educational.

Fee: Varies from $30 - $70 per session

SILVER LAKE NATURE CENTER

1306 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007

215-785-1177

www.silverlakenaturecenter.org

E-Mail: silverlakecenter@co.bucks.pa.us

Services: Provides education about nature and the environment for individuals and groups. The Center has 4.5 miles of walking trails through forests, fields and marshes. The Center has a 3/4 mile trail loop through all the habitats which is completely accessible.

Fee: Entrance free; program fees vary.

SPECIA LIVING MAGAZINE

P.O. Box 1000
Bloomington, IL 61702

309-820-9277; 309-829-7132

www.specialiving.com

E-Mail: gareeb@aol.com

Services: A quarterly magazine for physically/mobility impaired.

Fee: $12 per year

SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS

2880 Street Road
P.O. Box 1001
Warrington, PA 18976

215-918-1001

Services: Develops horseback riding programs for people of any age with mental and/or physical disabilities.

Fee: Full fee

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

3535 Rockview Drive
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-6530
Special Events Voice Mail: 215-781-6530

E-Mail: SOPABCGeorge@aol.com

Services: Sports/family association for the benefit of individuals with special needs.

Contact: George Massimini

Eligibility: Individuals with special needs

Fee: None

SPECIAL TEENS PROJECT

P.O. Box 292
Langhorne, PA 19047

215-788-6383; 215-943-2048

Services: Social, recreational, and educational activities include weekly bowling, monthly dances, trips, volleyball, and other programs.

Contact: Harry Esling

Eligibility: Individuals with any handicap, 13 years of age and older through adulthood

Fee: $25 membership; financial assistance available

SPORTS 'N SPOKES - THE MAGAZINE FOR WHEELCHAIR SPORTS AND RECREATION

2111 East Highland Avenue, Suite 180
Phoenix, AZ 85016-4702

888-888-2201; 602-224-0500
Fax: 602-224-0507

www.sportsnspokes.com

E-Mail: info@pnnews.com

Services: Published bimonthly, the only magazine covering the latest in competitive wheelchair sports and recreational opportunities. Colorful, comprehensive information on training, nutrition/exercise, individual achievements, national/international competition, junior athletics, new products/equipment surveys, sports associations, calendar of worldwide events, and much more.

Fee: $21 annual subscription fee

TELEPHONE PIONEERS, LIBERTY BELL CHAPTER

Churchville, PA 18966

215-466-3545

Services: Modifies commercial battery-operated toys with enlarged remote switches or use by disabled children. Redesigns control pads for computer games.

TRAVEL CLUB, THE

7 Edgewood Avenue
Red Lion, PA 17356

800-272-6676; 717-246-1856

E-Mail: gotravelclub@aol.com

Services: A wide variety of travel experiences for adults with special needs, on a year round basis.

Eligibility: Fully completed medical emergency form and recent photograph and registration form.

Fee: Varies

TRAVELIN' TALK

P.O. Box 1796
Wheat Ridge, CO 80034

www.travelintalk.net

303-232-2979
Fax: 303-239-8486

E-Mail: travelin@travelintalk.net

Services: An international network of people provides assistance to travelers with disabilities by sharing their knowledge and/or extending services travelers may need while visiting, passing through, or planning their trips.

TRI - HAMPTON FAMILY YMCA

171 N. Second Street Pike
Churchville, PA 18966

www.LowerBucksYMCA.org

215-364-1200

E-Mail: info@LowerBucksYMCA.org

Services: Programs and facilities promote the exercise of the body, mind and spirit. Servicing Toddlers to Seniors. Variety of programs...variety of locations.

Fee: Varies

TYLER HOSTEL
Hostelling International

P.O. Box 94
Newtown, PA 18940

www.HI-DUC.org

215-968-0927
Fax: 215-557-2100

E-Mail: sthom@hfedu.org

Services: Per night per person fee for overnight stay. Guests must clean up after themselves. Living room with fireplace, fully equipped kitchen, 3 bathrooms, 24 bunk beds. Additional fee for non-members. Bring sheets, pillow cases, and towels. Biking and hiking trails. Canoes and horses available for rental.

Fee: Contact for information

UCP OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

102 East Mermaid Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19118

215-242-4200

www.ucpphila.org

Services: Vocational evaluation service; job counseling, training, placement services; supported employment; contract shop employment; social and recreation programs for teens through adult; adult day program; psychiatric-partial hospital; information, referral and information outreach; respite care service; community social service; independent living training; community living arrangements; student field work placement; community education; volunteer programs.

Fee: Varies

UPPER BUCKS YMCA

451 California Road
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-8841

Pennridge Program Center
801 Washington Avenue
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-453-5989

14th Street and Park Avenue
Quakertown, PA 18951
215-536-8409

Services: Family center with instructional and recreational programs for persons of all ages. Indoor heated pool, tennis, racquetball, fitness center, saunas. Physically handicapped swim program. Gymnastics, swim lessons, day care center, school age child care, kindergarten, preschool nursery school, and summer day camping. Mainstreaming available.

Fee: Varies, scholarships available

USA DEAF SPORTS FEDERATION

3607 Washington Blvd., #4
Ogden, Utah 84403-1737

TTY Only: 801-393-7916
Fax: 801-393-2263

www.usadsf.org

Services: Advocacy for sports for deaf individuals, publications

VSA arts

1300 Connecticut Avenue, N W
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036

800-933-8721; TT: 202-737-0645
Fax: 202-737-0725

www.vsarts.org

E-Mail: info@vsarts.org

Services: Provides programs in creative writing, dance, drama, literature, music, and the visual arts for individuals with disabilities. Programs are implemented through a network of local, state, and national organizations. VSA arts Festivals provide workshops and training sessions for people with disabilities, as well as educators, families, and friends, and are the culmination of year-round,community-based programming efforts. In Pennsylvania, VSA arts collaborates with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts; Artreach, Inc.; Arts and Health Outreach Initiative; and Pittsburgh Center for the Arts; to provide programs.

WEISEL YOUTH HOSTEL

7347 Richlandtown Road
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-8749

Services: Recreational overnight lodging facility for educational or recreational purposes.

Fee: $12.00 - 18.00 per person per night

WELLSPRING CLUBHOUSE, Penn Foundation

915 Lawn Avenue
Sellersville, PA 18960

215-257-4760

Services: Provides social and vocational training in a clubhouse atmosphere for adults with mental illness. Hours 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Fee: None

WORLD RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC./USA

1550 San Leandro Blvd., M.S. #196
San Leandro, CA 94577-4442

TTY: 510-351-0397
Fax: 510-351-6036

Services: Established to foster the development of innovation in recreational and cultural activities for the deaf and hard of hearing community.

TRANSPORTATION

ADAPTED DRIVING PROGRAM AT BRYN MAWR REHABILITATION

414 Paoli Pike, P.O. Box 3007
Malvern, PA 19355-3300
www.jeffersonhealth.org/bmr/therapy/adapt.html

610-251-5688
Fax: 610-296-4915

Services: Driver evaluations and training for individuals with any disability. Car and van available. Call for evaluations: 610-640-3943.

Eligibility: 16 years of age and older

Fee: Varies

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

400 Freedom Drive
Newtown, PA 18940
E-Mail: elaine.welch@verizon.net

800-472-8775, 215-968-9400

Services: Transportation with escort, counseling/case management, support groups, Braille instruction, rehabilitation teaching, computer instruction, technology loan program, preschool and adult vision and hearing screenings, home visits, chore service, non-prescription low vision center.

Eligibility: Visually impaired

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY TRANSPORT, INC.

P.O. Box 510
Holicong, PA 18928
E-Mail: vince.volpe@bctransport.org

215-794-5554; 215-794-8360;

Services: Shared ride transportation service to Bucks County Residents. Provides information for using public transportation. Accessible vehicles for riders with a wheelchair or mobility aids. STAR program provides transportation to employment and daycare.

Fee: Varies

BUCKS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

3207 Street Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
www.buckscountytma.org

215-244-9082
Fax: 215-244-9086

Services: Transportation access; employment connectors to job sites and Septa; an and car pools; transportation demand management

Fee: TMA operated shuttles: $1.00 or Septa Pass; over 65 - no charge

BUX-MONT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CO.

Business Office
726 Fitzwatertown Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090
215-659-0245; 215-659-1313

Mailing Address:
701 Lincoln Avenue
Willow Grove, PA 19090
E-mail: samv@buxmonttrans.com

Services: Transportation for ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals from or to the Warrington, Warminster, Warwick, Upper Southampton, and Eastern Montgomery County areas. Call early in the day to set up appointment. Can serve groups up to 14.

Fee: $35 per hour

DISABLED DRIVER'S MOBILITY GUIDE

AAA National Office
1000 AAA Drive
Heathrow, FL 32746-5063
In Jan., 2004: www.AAApublicaffairs.com

407-444-7000

Contact local AAA office

Services: Compiled by AAA, this 168 page paperback provides a wealth of information and resources about adaptive vehicle equipment selection and use. I ncludes a state-by-state directory of adaptive vehicle companies, training facilities, organizations, and related services. Information about other travel services, such as air and bus, is also included.

EASTER SEALS PROJECT ACTION (ESPA)

700 13th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
www.projectaction.org

202-347-3066
Fax: 202-737-7914

Services: Provides products, training, and technical assistance to individuals with disabilities as well as transportation providers and general communities to increase accessible transportation.

Fee: None

GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION DRIVING PROGRAM

820 S. 5th Street
Allentown, PA 18103-3298
www.goodshepardrehab.org

610-776-8302
Fax: 610-776-3551
E-Mail: abrown@gsrh.org

Services: Provides a comprehensive 2 hour driving evaluation which includes a clinical evaluation and a behind the wheel evaluation. Also provides additional training sessions and adaptive equipment assessments.

Eligibility: Includes new drivers, amputees, those with birth defects, brain injury, neuromuscular diseases, spinal cord injury, stroke, dementia. Individual must be seizure free for 6 months, medically stable, and have a doctor's prescription.

Fee: $259 for the evaluation, $108 per hour for training

MOSS REHAB DRIVING SCHOOL

Einstein Plaza, Suite 203
201 Old York Road
Philadelphia, PA 19046
www.einsteinrehab.edu

215-886-7706
Fax: 215-886-7709
E-Mail: dbasore@einstein.edu

Services: Provides driver evaluations and in-vehicle driver training. Equipment assessments as well as potential to drive are provided. School offers assistance with state driver's examination. School has the experience and equipment available to work with persons with severe disabilities.

Eligibility: Persons age 16 plus, with physical and/or cognitive impairment

POINT TO POINT

319 N. Pottstown Pike, Suite 309 610-594-7930

Exton, PA 19341

E-Mail: point2point@earthlink.net

Services: Provides one-on-one, door-to-door transportation. Drivers pick up the clients and transport them to appointments on time, wait for them, and drive them back home. Drivers are trained to assist clients with ambulatory needs. Service is available nationwide. A wheelchair van service, which can be scheduled for pick-ups within a 50 mile radius from Exton, PA.

Fee: Contact for information

SEPTA CUSTOMIZED COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION

1234 Market Street, 4th floor Voice: 215-580-7145; TDD: 215-580-7712

Philadelphia, PA 19107 Fax: 215-580-7132

www.septa.org

Services: A ride-sharing transportation service that provides trips to registered customers on a space-available basis. The service is provided door-to-door or curb-to-curb by advance reservations, with limited driver assistance, to registered customers who are functionally unable to use regular bus transportation for some or all of their mobility needs. Eligible individuals can travel wherever and whenever SEPTA's fixed route buses operate.
Service hours in Bucks County vary from 6 AM to Midnight. Some areas of Bucks County do not have Sunday or holiday service. Reservations are accepted every day, including weekends and holidays, from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Fee: General public: $19.00 base fare; Registered Customer: $2.50 base fare

SUBURBAN TRANSIT NETWORK, INC. (TRANSNET)

980 Harvest Drive, Suite 100 215-542-7433

Blue Bell, PA 19422 Fax: 215-542-8877

www.suburbantransit.org E-Mail: ride@suburbantransit.org

Services: Transportation provided to individuals needing specialized transportation, corporate shuttles, employee shuttles, and limited shared ride service in Bucks County.

Fee: All services provided on a contract basis.

A. P. ORLEANS CENTER
1330 Rhawn Street
Philadelphia, PA 19111

215-728-4400

Fax: 215-728-4485

Services: Vocational evaluation and counseling, paid work training, job placement, social skills enhancement. Attendant Care Program provides personal care activities, daily living skills, ancillary care, such as feeding, bathing, and/or dressing.

Fee: Sliding scale

ABLEDATA
8630 Fenton Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Voice: 800-227-0216; 301-608-8998
TTY: 301-608-8912; Fax: 301-608-8958

www.abledata.com

E-mail: abledata@orcmacro.com

Services: An information and referral database about over 30,000 commercially available assistive technology products. Produces fact sheets on types of devices and other aspects of assistive technology. The database can be searched on the website, and Fact Sheets and Informed Consumer Guides can be downloaded free of charge.

AL-ANON/ALATEEN INFORMATION SERVICE OF DELAWARE VALLEY
4021 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

215-222-5244

Services: Self-help support groups for family members and friends who have problems caused by someone else's drinking.

Fee: None

ALDIE COUNSELING CENTER

228 North Main Street
Doylestown, PA 19801

215-345-8530
Fax: 215-345-5423

www.aldie.org

Services: Outpatient community counseling center specializing in treatment of individuals and families whose lives have been affected by alcohol or other drugs. Individual, group, and family counseling. Partial and intensive evening programs. Services for children, adolescents, and dually diagnosed persons. Prevention, intervention, targeted outreach. Pharmacotherapy. Men's Recovery House. Assessments.

Fee: Varies

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING, INC.

3417 Volta Place, N W
Washington, DC 20007

Voice: 202-337-5220; TTY/TTD: 202-337-5221
Fax: 202-337-8314

www.agbell.org

E-mail: info@agbell.org

Services: A membership-based organization and information center for hearing loss and the auditory approach. Information resource, publisher of *Volta Voices,* a magazine style publication, and the V*olta Review*, a research journal, publisher of books and brochures about hearing loss and spoken language; advocacy; mentoring program for youth; leadership programs for teen and college age students; financial aid to qualifying applicants for mainstreamed, auditory-based education at pre-school, school age, and university levels.

Eligibility: Professionals who serve individuals with hearing loss, parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, and adults with hearing loss - all of whom support auditory learning and the use of spoken language.

Fee: General inquiries and resource/referral services are free of charge.
Contact for membership contribution levels.

ALLIANCE FOR TECHNOLOGY ACCESS (ATA)

2175 East Francisco Blvd., Suite L
San Rafael, CA 94901

415-455-4575; TTY: 415-455-0491
Fax: 415-455-0654

www.ATAccess.org

E-Mail: ATAinfo@ATAccess.org

Services: 38 Technology resource centers nationwide. Children and adults with disabilities, their family members, and service providers can visit ATA Centers and explore technology and find tools that will help them at school, at work, or at home. Contact individual centers for specific services. Local center is in Shrewsbury, New Jersey.

Eligibility: All ages, all disabilities

Fee: None

ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF PENNSYLVANIA, Bucks County Chapter

P.O. Box 355
Warrington, PA 18976

215-946-1152

www.NAMIBUCKS.ORG

E-Mail: gadfly@erols.com

Services: A self-help and advocacy group of families of the mentally ill. Community education is utilized to increase public understanding of mental illness. Families are given moral support at times of crisis. Provides support groups for parents of older children and adolescents, and free education classes taught by trained family members. Also active in advocating the improvement of federal, state and county legislation dealing with the mentally ill and their rights. There are eight chapters serving the families of the Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks, Chester, and Northampton counties.

Fee: Membership dues

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

125 South 9th Street, Suite 701
P.O. Box 1161
Philadelphia, PA 19105-1161

215-592-1513

www.aclupa.org

E-Mail: info@aclupa.org

Services: A non-profit, nationwide membership organization whose sole purpose is the preservation of the basic rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution.

Fee: None

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005

800-424-8666; 202-467-5081
Fax: 202-467-5085

www.acb.org

E-Mail: info@acb.org

Services: Information referral and advocacy to improve the well-being of people who are blind or visually impaired.

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND

11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300
New York, NY 10001

800-232-5463; 212-502-7600; TT: 212-502-7662
Fax: 212-502-7777

www.afb.org

E-mail: afbinfo@afb.net

Services: The national partner of local services for persons who are blind or visually impaired. Provides information and consultation in education, rehabilitation, employment, and special products. Publishes Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness, AFB News, and a Catalog of Publications.

Fee: Contact for information

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, Southeastern Pennsylvania Affiliate
625 W. Ridge Pike, Building A, Suite 100 800-AHA-USA1; 610-940-9540
Conshohocken, PA 19428

Services: Educational programs regarding heart disease and its prevention within school, worksites, physicians' offices, and community sites. Provides significant funding for special events to raise funds to help fight heart disease and stroke.

Fee: None

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND
1839 Frankfort Avenue 800-223-1839; 502-895-2405
Louisville, KY 40206-0085 Fax: 502-899-2274

www.aph.org E-Mail: info@aph.org

Services: Manufactures materials for the use of people with visual impairments of all ages. Reading materials include books in Braille, large type, and recorded form. Educational aids, tools and supplies include Braille writing and embossing equipment; computer software and hardware; educational games; low vision aids; Braille and large type paper, binders and notebooks. Catalogues are available at no cost in print and on cassette.

AMERICAN SELF-HELP CLEARINGHOUSE
100 East Hanover Avenue, Suite 202 Voice: 973-328-6789
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927-2020 TT: 973-625-9053

www.selfhelpgroups.org E-Mail: ashc@cybernex.net

Services: Provides information on a wide range of self-help groups and state/local self-help clearinghouses. Publishes a directory of national and model groups, The Self-Help Sourcebook. Staff can provide consultation on starting new types of self-help networks or groups.

AMPUTEE COALITION OF AMERICA

900 E. Hill Ave, Suite 285
Knoxville, TN 37915

888-267-5669
Fax: 865-525-7917

www.amputee-coalition.org

E-Mail: acainfo@amputee-coalition.org

Services: Provides amputee consumers with information, referral, and support services upon request, regardless of ability to pay. A toll-free hotline connects amputee consumers to trained information specialists. Publishes bimonthly magazine in Motion that addresses the needs and concerns of amputees. Maintains a nationwide network of support groups and trained peers to provide encouragement and support.

Eligibility: Amputees, their friends and family members, education and support groups, rehabilitation professionals, and others who share in the mission of ACA.

Fee: Free information and referral

ARC OF BUCKS COUNTY

27 Woodside Avenue
Chalfont, PA 18914

215-997-9796
Fax: 215-997-8280

Services: Advocacy, education, and support for those with developmental disabilities and their families. Contact: Suzanne O'Mullan

ASSOCIATED SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-627-0600

www.asb.org

E-Mail: pjohnson@asb.org

Services: Promotes the independence and self-determination of blind and visually impaired people by providing them with training, materials, information, and support; educates and informs the public about issues relating to visual impairment and blindness. Rehabilitation, social services, volunteer services, Braille production, large print, recordings, computer training, closed circuit radio station.

Fee: Varies

AUTISM LIVING AND WORKING, INC. (ALAW)

11 South Forge Manor Drive
Phoenixville, PA 19460

610-935-9499
Fax: 610-935-4320

www.autismlivingworking.org

E-Mail: alaw@autismlivingworking.org

Services: Advocacy for appropriate supports and services for adults with autism in Pennsylvania, technical assistance and development of affordable housing.

Fee: None

BARC

Buckingham Green, 2nd floor
Route 202, P. O. Box 470
Holicong, PA 18928-0470

215-794-0800; Fax: 215-794-0958

BARC Production Services, Warminster
349 Ivyland Road
Warminster, PA 18974

215-672-6010; Fax: 215-672-3642

Upper Bucks Residential Office
1541 North West End Blvd.
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-2097

BARC Production Services, Quakertown
1446 Old Bethlehem Pike, South
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-4048; Fax: 215-536-8081

www.barcprograms.org

Services: Vocational evaluation, training, work experience, workshop employment, and job placement for individuals age 21 and up; residential living arrangements in the community for teenaged individuals and older; early intervention services for developmentally delayed infants and children; disabled senior program, and advocacy.

Eligibility: Individuals with mental retardation

Fee: Funded through state and federal governments, private pay, other agencies

BEELONG ADULT DAY SERVICES

Administrative Office
275 Yardley Avenue
Fallsington, PA 19054

215-295-6505

Fax: 215-295-0330

E-Mail: adultdayservices@beelong.org

Locations in Bensalem (215-245-6680), Bristol (215-788-2408), Fallsington (215-295-6665), Hatboro (215675-9799), and Warrington (215-343-6250).

Services: Offers a stimulating program of activities and therapies for the impaired elderly. Professionally qualified staff, health monitoring by a registered nurse, nutritionally balanced meals and snacks, flexible hours and stays, a United Way member agency.

Fee: Contact for information

BUCKS COUNTY ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Bucks County Office Center
1214 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007-2593

215-781-3300

www.dpw.state.pa.us

1386 West Street Road
Warminster, PA 18974

215-443-3200

E-Mail: BucksBri@state.pa.us

Services: Financial assistance, nursing home assistance, medical assistance, food stamps, energy assistance, employment and training counseling, information, and referral for social services. On-line applications available at:
www.humanservices.state.pa.us/COMPASS/PGM/ASP/SC001.asp

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

400 Freedom Drive
Newtown, PA 18940

800-472-8775, 215-968-9400

E-Mail: elaine.welch@verizon.net

Services: Transportation with escort, counseling/case management, support groups, Braille instruction, rehabilitation teaching, computer instruction, technology loan program, preschool and adult vision and hearing screenings, home visits, chore service, non-prescription low vision center.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

4259 W. Swamp Road, Suite 200
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-348-6900 (Administration Office)
Fax: 215-348-6989

www.buckscounty.org/children.htm

Services: Protective services to children in their homes, child abuse investigations, foster care, adoptions. Information and referral services.

Intake Calls: 215-348-6950, 215-946-8900, 215-343-9100, 215-536-4680, 215-348-6000, 215-982-5144

Emergency services are available on a 24-hour-a-day basis; call police radio at 215-348-3524, 215-343-0100, 215-982-5411, 215-945-3100.

Fee: No fee

BUCKS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Bucks County Courthouse
55 East Court Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-348-6415

www.buckscounty.org

E-Mail: pubinfo@county.bucks.pa.us

Services: Provides information to Bucks County residents about County services and programs, offers courthouse tours.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL & DRUG DEPENDENCE, INC.

Bailiwick Office Campus, Unit 12
252 W. Swamp Road
Doylestown, PA 18901-2444

800-221-6333; 215-345-6644

DUI Program: 215-230-8715

E-Mail: bccadd@aol.com

Services: Provides resources and opportunities to reduce the impact of addiction while improving related behavioral health issues for the entire community. Wellness focused prevention and intervention: targeted prevention campaigns. Assessment, advocacy, information and referral; employee and student assistance programs; family strengthening; juvenile awareness; MOMS Outreach; PRO-ACT; and TASC.

Fee: Varies

BUCKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION (MH/MR)

600 Louis Drive, Suite 101
Warminster, PA 18974

215-442-0760; Fax: 215-442-0780
www.buckscounty.org/mental

BASE SERVICE UNITS (BSU):

Northwestern Human Services of Bucks County
2075 Byberry Road, Suite 111
Bensalem, PA 19020
215-245-9076, Fax: 215-352-0163

Lenape Valley Foundation
500 N. West Street
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-5300

Penn Foundation Mental Health Services
807 Lawn Avenue, P.O. Box 32
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-257-6551

Penn Foundation Mental Retardation and Early Intervention
712 Lawn Avenue, P.O. Box 32
Sellersville, PA 18960
215-257-1183

Penndel Mental Health Center
1517 Durham Road
Penndel, PA 19047
215-757-1541

Penndel Mental Retardation and Early Intervention
919 Durham Road
Penndel, PA 19047
215-750-9898

Eligibility: Bucks County residents with a documented diagnosis of mental retardation as evidenced by an IQ of 70 or below before the age of 22 and having significant functional limitations in two or more skill areas. Services are accessed through registration with the local Base Service Unit (BSU).

The Mental Retardation Program provides services to support individuals to live in the community and to assist them in actively participating in community life. Services include: Supports Coordination/Service Coordination, Family Support Services, Information/Referral, Consultation and Education. Residential services include: Home Based, Family Living, Supported Living and Community Living Arrangements (CLAs). The department also administers vocational services, competitive employment, vocational rehabilitation, adult training, and early intervention services.

The Mental Health Program provides services that include Crisis Services, Outpatient Therapy, Partial Hospitalization, Community Treatment Teams, Administrative Case Management, Intensive Case Management, and Resource Coordination. Housing services include: Adult Respite, Intensive, Maximum and Moderate Community Resident Rehabilitation(CRR) and Supported Living. Psychiatric Rehabilitation services include: Clubhouse, Psych-Social Programs and Consumer Drop-In Centers. Vocational and employment services and children's services are also available.

BUCKS COUNTY LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 1179
Southampton, PA 18966-0816

215-396-7034; 215-355-9601

www.geocities.com/BCLDA

E-Mail: bclda@ATT.net

Services: Volunteer organization dedicated to the advancement of the education and general well being of the learning disabled. Information, referrals, advocacy services, an esteem program, and a summer enrichment program.

Fee: None

BUCKS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL, INC.

100 Doyle Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-8175

Bucks County Annex Building
515 S. West End Blvd., Route 309
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-0353

Neshaminy Manor Center
1282 Almshouse Road

Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-3295

1230 New Rodgers Road, Suite F1
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-2661

www.bcoc.org

E-Mail: bcoc@bcoc.org

Services: Weatherization, information and referral, energy service. Case management services focusing on moving a person from dependency to self-sufficiency. Emergency services to include rental housing and utility assistance.

Eligibility: Must meet low income financial guidelines

Fee: None

BUCKS/ MONTGOMERY CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

620 Jacksonville Road
Warminster, PA 18974-4849

215-323-9935

Services: Information and referral, emergency assistance with food, fuel, prescriptions, employment placement, counseling for housing/utility problems and consumer counseling. Distribution of holiday food and gifts.

CENTER FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN
3965 Conshohocken Ave. 215-878-3400
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Services: Provides evaluation and treatment, consultation, and therapy.

Eligibility: Autistic, multi-handicapped children through adults

Fee: Fee for service, 3rd party reimbursement, Medical Assistance

CHADD OF BUCKS COUNTY
71 Jericho Road 215-579-2212 (Information Hotline)
Holland, PA 18966

www.chadd.org (National Organization)
800-233-4050

Services: Support group for children and adults with Attention Deficit Disorders. Meetings held monthly at St. Mary's Medical Center. Print information on ADD/ADHD available. Special speakers and information meetings held three times a year. Meetings held September to May.

Fee: None

CHANDLER HALL HEALTH SERVICES
99 Barclay Street 215-860-4000
Newtown, PA 18940

www.chandlerhall.org

Services: Chandler Hall hospice, assisted living residences, home health agency, homemaker service, and skilled nursing care; physical and occupational therapy; adult day health care spaces; therapeutic swimming programs and wellness programs.

Fee: Varies with services provided

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER OF BUCKS COUNTY

391 Dublin Pike
P.O. Box 472
Dublin, PA 18917

800-461-9799, 215-249-3232

Fax: 215-249-3102

Services: Counseling for family, marital problems, depression, anger, grief, financial and parenting struggles.

Fee: Flexible

CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

One Penn Center
1617 J F K Boulevard, Suite 800
Philadelphia, PA 19103

888-745-2357; Voice/TDD: 215-557-7112

Fax: 215-557-7602

www.equalemployment.org

E-Mail: info@equalemployment.org

Services: Provides assistance to persons with disabilities who are seeking or receiving services from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services, Centers for Independent Living, and other programs funded under federal law. Employment and ADA help is also available through the Center for Disability Law & Policy.

Fee: None

COMMONWEALTH INFORMATION CENTER

402A Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA 17125

800-932-0784; 717-787-2121

Services: Central information about state government, referral, and problem solving agency for citizens of Pennsylvania.

Fee: None

CONTACT, BUCKS COUNTY

P.O. Box 167
Richboro, PA 18954

1-800-SUICIDE; 215-355-6000
215-340-1998; 215-547-1889; 215-536-0911

www.contactbuckscounty.org

E-Mail: contactbc@juno.com

Services: Telephone counseling; information and referral; crisis intervention; suicide prevention; REASSURANCE CONTACT safety check for elderly and/or handicapped persons; youth peer counseling

Fee: None

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, INC.

73 Downey Drive
Warminster Heights Community Center
Warminster, PA 18974

215-672-9422

Services: Provides emergency food, fuel, medicine. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Fee: None

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY, INC.

4031 Ludlow St., Room 233
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3039

TTY: 215-895-5567
Fax: 215-895-5566

Services: Provides services to deaf and hearing impaired individuals, their families, co-workers, and employers.

Fee: Sliding scale

DEAF-HEARING COMMUNICATION CENTER, INC.

630 Fairview Road, Suite 100
Swarthmore, PA 19081

610-604-0450
Interpreter Division: 610-604-0452

www.dhcc.org

E-Mail: info@dhcc.org

Services: Provides communication accessibility with sign language interpreting services, real time captioning; provides Americans With Disabilities Act compliance information to schools and employers; cultural awareness through outreach programs, sensitivity training, and various educational programs (including ASL classes). Unique 24 hour medical and legal emergency interpreting service.

Fee: Varies

DEAF-REACH

3521 12th Street, N E
Washington, DC 20017

Voice/TT: 202-832-6681
Fax: 202-832-8454

www.deaf-reach.org

E-Mail: info@deaf-reach.org

Services: Referral, education, advocacy, counseling, and housing. Undergraduate and graduate internships are available to qualified students who are deaf, hard of hearing, and non-deaf with signing skills. Offers chemical dependency program for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, job development, and a day program for prevocational services.

DOYLESTOWN HOSPITAL

595 W. State Street
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-2200 (24 hours)

www.dh.org

Services: A nonprofit health care facility. Specialty services include heart center, intensive/ coronary care, birthing center, emergency services, and rehabilitation. Extensive clinical outpatient services, community education programs, and physician referral services are available.

Fee: Varies

EAR FOUNDATION

1817 Patterson Street
Nashville, TN 37203

Voice/TTY: 800-545-HEAR; 615-627-2724
Fax: 615-627-2728

www.earfoundation.org

E-Mail: earfoundation@earfoundation.org

Services: A national, not-for-profit organization committed to integrating the hearing and balance impaired person into the mainstream of society through public awareness and medical education. Also administers The Meniere's Network, a national network of patient support groups providing people with the opportunity to share experiences and coping strategies.

EASTER SEALS, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

National Headquarters
700 Thirteen St., NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
202-347-3066

Eastern Pennsylvania
1503 N. Cedar Crest Blvd.
Allentown, PA 18104
610-289-0114

Bucks County
2400 Trenton Road
Levittown, PA 19056
215-945-7200

Montgomery County
1161 Forty Foot Road, P.O. Box 333
Kulpsville, PA 19443
215-368-7000

www.easter-seals.org

E-Mail: info@easter-seals.org

Services: Provides appropriate developmental and rehabilitation services to children and adults with disabilities and their families. Local services may include:
Services for Children: Early Intervention, Child Development Centers, part-time after school programs, preschool, tutoring
Medical Rehabilitation: for children and adults, including physical and occupational therapies, wellness programs, movement and mobility
Vocational Services: employment services for adults and transition from school to work
Adult and Senior Day Services: respite, in-home programs
Camping & Recreation: day camps, residential camps for children and adults
Residential Housing Services
Support Services: support groups, transportation, equipment loan, information and referral to local disability community services
Disability Help Line: information and referral services through National Office

EASTER SEALS OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA,
Bucks County Division
2400 Trenton Road 215-945-7200
Levittown, PA 19056

www.easterseals-sepa.org

Services: Comprehensive physical restoration center including physical, occupational, and speech therapies, plus case management and psychotherapeutic counseling; six week summer day camp for youth, ages 5 through 21; medical evaluation clinics; information and referral; special education preschool kindergarten for exceptional children ages 2 to 8, early intervention services for children birth to age 3.

Fee: Sliding scale

EDUCATION LAW CENTER
1315 Walnut Street, Suite 400 215-238-6970
Philadelphia, PA 19107-4798

www.elc-pa.org

Services: A nonprofit, public interest law firm serving public school students and their parents in such matters as the legal rights of children with disabilities, discrimination in the provision of educational services, including school disciplinary/transfer procedures and transportation rights. Answers questions, provides information and, in selected cases, provides representation.

Fee: None

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)

800-LET-ERIC

www.eric.ed.gov E-mail: acceric@aspensys.com

Services: A two part database that contains document literature and articles from over 750 educational journals, including research reports, curriculum materials, project descriptions, conference presentations and proceedings, opinion papers, and bibliographies. There are 16 subject-oriented clearinghouses, support components, adjunct clearinghouses, and external publishers, vendors, and service providers, including:
ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education (ERIC/ACVE)
800-848-4815; 614-292-4353; Fax: 614-292-1260;
E-mail: ericacve@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu
ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education: 800-328-0272,
703-264-9474; TT: 703-264-9449; Fax: 264-9494; E-mail: ericec@inet.ed.gov
ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education (HE)
800-773-3742; 202-296-2597; Fax: 202-296-8379; E-mail: eriche@inet.ed.gov

EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF LOWER BUCKS COUNTY, INC.
8525 New Falls Road
Levittown, PA 19054

215-547-1676

Services: Assists clients, on a referral basis, who have an emergency need for food. May also provide on a limited basis, some rental assistance, pharmaceutical aid or fuel assistance, one time per family.

Fee: None

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
919 Walnut Street, Suite 700
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5237

800-887-7165; 215-629-5003
Fax: 215-629-4997

www.efsepa.org

E-Mail: efsepa@efsepa.org

Services: Information and referral, employment assistance, community education, support groups, personal and legislative advocacy, individual and family consultation.

Fee: Free

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF BUCKS COUNTY
One Oxford Valley
Suite 717
Langhorne, PA 19047
215-757-6916; Fax: 215-757-2115

1286 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007
215-781-3999

Georgetown Commons
708 Shady Retreat Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-345-0550

515 South West End Blvd., 2nd floor
Quakertown, PA 19851
215-538-1616

Robert M. Kelly Family Center of Bristol Borough
408 Mill Street
Bristol, PA 19007
215-781-6602

www.familyserviceofbucks.com

Services: Counseling (individuals, couples, families and children), mental health and substance abuse services; case management for HIV/AIDS, elders, and caregivers; community and family life education; diverse presentations; volunteer support for HIV/AIDS; community building collaborations.

Fee: Sliding scale

FEDERAL INFORMATION CENTER

P.O. Box 450
Camby, Indiana 46113

Voice: 800-688-9889
TDD/TTY: 800-326-2996

www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Services: Toll-free telephone information and referral to federal agencies. hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. EST, closed federal holidays

Fee: None

FOUNDATIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

833 E. Butler Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-0444
Fax: 215-345-7862

Services: Acute care psychiatric hospital for adolescents. Inpatient, residential, wraparound, and partial hospitalization program, 24 hour clinical assessment center, traditional outpatient care, and licensed alternative school.

Fee: Varies with services provided; all major insurance accepted, HMO, PPO, and Medical Assistance.

FRANKFORD HOSPITAL, Bucks County Campus

380 N. Oxford Valley Road
Langhorne, PA 19047

215-949-5000
Social Services Department: 215-949-5042

Services: 24-Hour emergency service, behavioral health center for geriatric adults, bone densitometry, cardiac rehabilitation, critical care units, CT scan, diabetes education, home health care, mammography, medical education, medical library, medical/surgical services, nuclear medicine, occupational health services, orthopedics, outpatient surgical unit, physical and occupational therapy, physician referral, radiology, respiratory therapy, social services, ultrasound, wellness programs.

Fee: Varies

FREE LIBRARY OF PHILA.- LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

919 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

215-683-3213

E-Mail: flpblind@library.phila.gov

Services: Provides library services to any person unable to read conventional ink print due to visual disability, or any person unable to hold a book due to a physical disability. Also provides Adult Basic Education and GED programs.

Fee: None

FRIENDS HOSPITAL

4641 Roosevelt Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19124

215-831-4600
Fax: 215-289-9260

Services: Outpatient, partial hospital, and inpatient treatment for mental illness. Specialized services for developmentally disabled with mental illness.

Eligibility: Clinical need for mental health services

Fee: Accepts MA, MC, and other major health insurance.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY LAURENT CLERC NATIONAL DEAF EDUCATION CENTER

800 Florida Avenue NE

Washington, DC 20002-3695

http://ClercCenter.Gallaudet.edu

Voice: 202-651-5051

TTY: 202-651-5000

E-Mail: Products.ClercCenter@Gallaudet.edu

Services: Provides up-to-date, accurate information on topics dealing with deafness and hearing loss. Collects, develops, and disseminates information on all aspects of hearing loss and services offered to deaf or hard of hearing persons.

GOOD FRIENDS, INC.

P.O. Box 165
868 W. Bridge Street
Morrisville, PA 19067

215-736-2861

Fax: 215-736-1966

Services: Three to six month residential treatment for alcohol and/or drug addicted men. Services include individual and group therapy, life skills, relapse prevention, and GED preparation classes, while client maintains full-time employment.

Fee: Varies

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1521 North 6th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102

717-787-5232

E-Mail: ffreyre@state.pa.us

Services: Provides technical assistance and resources to people with disabilities, employers, educators, legislators, and volunteer organizations. Information available includes publications on the Americans with Disabilities Act and pamphlets dealing with employment. The Committee's goal is to advocate for people with disabilities in order to increase their participation in the mainstream of community life and employment.

GRAND VIEW HOSPITAL

700 Lawn Avenue
Sellersville, PA 18960

215-453-4000

Services: Acute-care hospital offering complete range of diagnostic, inpatient and out-patient services on site, including psychiatric and detoxification unit, skilled nursing facility, home health care, hospice, durable medical equipment, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, community cancer center, women's center, 24-hour paramedic and emergency services. Also Community Nurse-Home Care available.

Fee: Varies

HEATH RESOURCE CENTER - NATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

2121 K Street, NW, Suite 220
Washington, DC 20037

800-544-3284; Voice/TTY: 202-973-0904
Fax: 202-973-0908

www.heath.gwu.edu

E-Mail: askheath@heath.gwu.edu

Services: An information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities on American campuses, vocational-technical schools, adult education programs, independent living centers, transition, and other postsecondary training entities. The Center gathers and disseminates this information so that people with disabilities can, if they choose, develop their full potential through post-secondary education and training.
Publications include: HEATH Resource Directory, How to Choose a College - A Guide for the Student with a Disability, Fact Sheets, and Resource Papers about current effective practices in serving students with disabilities in a variety of post-secondary education and training settings.

Fee: Single copies of HEATH materials are available at no charge.

HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS

4351 Garden City Drive, Suite 645
New Carrollton, MD 20785

Voice: 301-459-5474; TTY: 301-459-5433

www.helenkeller.org/national
E-Mail: HKNCREG3CL@aol.com

111 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050

Voice/TDD: 516-944-8900

National: HKNCINFO@rcn.com

Services: Offers consultation services in the rehabilitation of deaf-blind persons; helps to resettle clients; seeks employment opportunities; and advocates services in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, DC, Virginia and West Virginia. Basic education, prevocational skills, personal adjustment, communication, travel, vocational skills; also publishes the Directory of Agencies Serving the Deaf-Blind.

Eligibility: Legally deaf-blind

Fee: Varies, depending upon specific services requested

INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION, Philadelphia Branch

P.O. Box 251
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

610-527-1548
Fax: 610-527-5011

www.gpbida.org; www.interdys.org

E-Mail: dyslexia@gpbida.org

Services: Non-profit organization provides information and referral for persons with dyslexia and their families. Annual conference held in October. Resource lists available.
National Office: 4210-296-0232

Fee: None

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICE - SPECIAL NEEDS DEPARTMENT

10125 Verree Road, Suite 304
Philadelphia, PA 19116

215-673-0100, ext. 123
Fax: 215-934-6284

Services: Recreational activities, counseling, support groups, advocacy, information and referral, job coaching, life skills training.

Eligibility: Children and adults with special needs

Fee: Sliding scale

LEAGUE FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

50 Broadway
New York, NY 10004

Voice: 917-305-7700; TTY: 917-305-7999
Fax: 917-305-7888

www.lhh.org

E-mail: postmaster@lhh.org

Services: Offers comprehensive hearing rehabilitation and human service programs for infants, children, adults, and their families, regardless of age or mode of communication. Promotes hearing conservation and provides public education about hearing.

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

4156 Library Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

412-341-1515
Fax: 412-344-0224

www.ldaamerica.org

E-Mail: info@ldaamerica.org

Services: Provides free information and referrals to local chapters. Publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, Newsbriefs, and the biannual Learning Disabilities Multidisciplinary Journal.

Fee: Annual membership, which includes newsletter subscription

LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

Toomey Building, Box 208
Uwchland, PA 19480

610-458-8193

Services: A grassroots organization providing guidance to families and adults with learning disabilities; assists families in obtaining a free, appropriate education for their school age children with learning disabilities; provides advocacy information and referrals.

Fee: None

LIBERTAE, INC.

5245 Bensalem Boulevard
Bensalem, PA 19020

215-639-8681
Fax: 215-639-4277

www.libertae.org

Services: A three to twelve month residential treatment program for parenting women, 18 and older, with up to three children; and non-parenting women recovering from chemical addiction. Program includes sobriety, 12 Step, self-sufficiency, job skills, life skills, parenting and therapy. Residents amy include dually diagnosed, or Hepatitis, HIV positive; medications individually assessed. Must desire rehab and participate fully in therapeutic community (TC) living.

Fee: Varies

LIFEQUEST HOME CARE

2075 Quaker Pointe Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-529-6100

Services: A full service home care agency with skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social worker, and home health aides. Personal care division provides private pay homemakers/aides for 2-4 hours. Lifeline (Emergency Response System) available. MedTech division offers full range of durable medical equipment and orthotics.

Fee: Payment for services may be arranged through accepted insurance, HMO's, county assistance programs or private payment.

LIFESPAN ADULT DAY SERVICES

145 Main Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073-1372

215-679-2659

E-Mail: MBIAGIOLI@IQ.org

Rt. 663 & Commerce Drive
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-6016

Services: Provides services for adults, primarily elders, needing assistance to live independently. Program includes hot meals and nutritious snacks, social and educational programming, health screening, monitoring, and geriatric exercise program, socialization, and caregiver support.

Fee: Varies

LIONS EYE BANK OF DELAWARE VALLEY

2000 Hamilton Street, Suite 202
Philadelphia, PA 19130-3814

800-743-6667; 215-563-1679

www.LEBDV.org

Services: Removes eyes from donors who have donated their eyes upon death. Acts as referral service for individuals who need assistance from a Lions Club in obtaining visual aids, hearing aids, eye surgery, etc.

Fee: None

LIVENGRIN FOUNDATION, INC.

4833 Hulmeville Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

215-638-5200; Fax: 215638-2603

1270 New Rodgers Road
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-2048; Fax: 215-781-2398

Park Terrace Office Center, Suite 11
275 S. Main Street

Doylestown, PA 18901

215-340-1765; Fax: 215-340-1762

Services: Comprehensive residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services for men and women.

Fee: Flexible

LOWER BUCKS HOSPITAL,
Member Of Temple University Health System

501 Bath Road
Bristol, PA 19007

215-785-9200
Fax: 215-785-9976

www.lowerbuckshospital.org

Services: Short-term acute-care facility providing a full range of inpatient, psychiatric, emergency, and outpatient services, including maternity, pulmonary, cardiology and open heart surgery, surgery, oncology, and radiation oncology, emergency department, outpatient surgery, ophthalmology, wound care, sleep disorders, pain management, mammography, sports medicine, home care.

Fee: Sliding scale

MARY'S CUPBOARD
Catholic Social Services Building 215-949-1991
100 Levittown Parkway
Levittown, PA 19054

Services: Provides food for families in need.

Fee: None

MEALS ON WHEELS OF CENTRAL BUCKS
252 Belmont Avenue 215-345-6065
Doylestown, PA 18901

Services: Provides hot meal at noon time and cold meal for supper to clients unable to prepare their own meals, such as disabled, convalescents, and the elderly.

Fee: Flexible

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
1211 Chestnut Street, 11th floor 215-751-1800
Philadelphia, PA 19107 Fax: 215-636-6328

www.mhasp.org

Services: Improves services for and treatment of adults with serious mental illness and children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral disorders. Promotes mental health and improving public mental health systems through advocacy, education, community, and self-help services. Information and referral and community companion program.

Fee: None

MOBILITY INTERNATIONAL, USA

P.O. Box 10767
Eugene, OR 97440

Voice/TTY: 541-343-1284
Fax: 541-343-6812

www.miusa.org

E-Mail: info@miusa.org

Services: Information and referral for including persons with disabilities worldwide into international educational exchange, leadership development, disability rights training, and community service. Exchanges have been coordinated in Asia, Africa, Central America, Europe, and South America. The National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange (NCDE) provides free information and referrals on work study, research, and volunteer programs globally. NCDE also has disability resources internationally online and in publications.

Fee: Contact for free information

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION
Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

521 Plymouth Road #108
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

877-632-9270; 610-729-0050

Services: National Health Organization

Fee: None

NAMI

Colonial Place III
2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-3042

800-950-6264; 703-524-7600
TTY: 888-344-6264; 703-516-7227
Fax: 703-524-9094

www.nami.org

Services: Mutual support, education, and advocacy for those with severe mental illness and their families. Offers support groups, a quarterly magazine, The NAMI Advocate, and other publications.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS)

1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 1004
Washington, DC 20005

800-424-8666; 202-467-5081
Fax: 202-467-5085

www.acb.org
www.blindstudents.org

E-Mail: info@acb.org

Services: Provides a national voice for students with vision impairments; an annual convention; a national newsletter, The Student Advocate. The staff does scholarship searches and is constantly updating its list of opportunities. An affiliate of the American Council of the Blind.

Fee: $10 annual membership

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED (NAVH)

22 West 21st Street
New York, NY 10010

212-889-3141
Fax: 212-727-2931

www.navh.org

E-Mail: staff@navh.org

Services: Offers services for people with partial vision. Information booklets and publications (many in large print) are available for consumers, their families, professionals and paraprofessionals, and the business community. A Loan Library of Large Print is available through the mail. A newsletter, "navh UPDATE" is issued quarterly.

Fee: $0 to $50 membership/friend minimum

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF (NAD)

814 Thayer Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500

TTY: 301-587-1789;Voice: 301-587-1788
Fax: 301-587-1791

www.nad.org

E-mail: NADinfo@nad.org

Services: Nation's largest organization safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing Americans in education, employment, health care, and telecommunications. Focuses on grassroots advocacy and empowerment, policy development and research, legal assistance, captioned media, information and publications, and youth leadership.

Fee: Annual membership, includes subscriptions to two publications, The NAD Broadcaster and The Deaf American Monograph.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES (NCLD)

381 Park Avenue South, Suite 1401
New York, NY 10016-8806

888-575-7373; 212-545-7510
Fax: 212-545-9665

www.LD.org; www.GetReadytoRead.org

www.KeepKidsLearning.org

Services: Promotes public awareness and understanding of learning disabilities, conducts educational programs and services that advance research-based knowledge, and provides national leadership in shaping public policy.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND (NFB)

1800 Johnson Street
Baltimore, MD 21230

410-659-9314
Fax: 410-685-5653

www.nfb.org

E-mail: nfb@nfb.org

Services: A consumer group which provides public education about blindness, information and referral services, scholarships, literature and publications about blindness, aids and appliances and other adaptive equipment for the blind, advocacy services, and protection of civil rights, America's Jobline, development and evaluation of technology, and support for blind persons and their families. Publishes The *Braille Monitor*, a monthly publication available without cost to members in print, in Braille, and on cassette; *Newsline*, a digital talking newspaper; *Future Reflections*, a quarterly magazine published in print and on cassette for parents and educators of blind children; and *Voice of the Diabetic*, a quarterly publication in print and on cassette.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF PENNSYLVANIA

42 South 15th Street, Suite 222
Philadelphia, PA 19102

215-988-0888
Fax: 215-988-0879

www.nfbp.org

E-Mail: nfbofpa@att.net

Services: Dedicated to considering and acting upon issues of concern to blind students. Provides a nationwide, self-support network for blind students and a mechanism for political action. Meets on a continuing basis with major service providers for the purpose of changing "what it means to be a blind student in America." The NFB of PA offers guidance to parents and students in developing transition IEPs and also funds a number of scholarships for post secondary education.

NATIONAL HELPLINES

164 West 74th Street
New York, NY 10023

800-262-2463; 800-COCAINE

www.drughelp.org

E-Mail: ldumont@phoenixhouse.org

Services: National substance abuse information, referral and crisis intervention service. Provides information on specific drugs and treatment options; and referrals to treatment programs, self-help groups, family support groups, and crisis center nationwide.

Fee: None

NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES (NICHCY)

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013

Voice/TT: 800-695-0285
Fax: 202-884-8441

www.nichcy.org

E-Mail: nichcy@aed.org

Services: Provides free information to assist parents, educators, caregivers, advocates and others in helping children and youth with disabilities participate as fully as possible in school, at home, and in the community. Includes personal responses to specific questions, referrals to other organizations/sources of help, prepared information packets, publications on current issues, and technical assistance to parent and professional groups.

Fee: Single copies of most NICHCY materials are free; some are available for a small fee.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Lincoln, Nebraska

800-228-8813

www.ed.gov/about/ordering.jsp

Services: A national toll-free hotline that refers callers to the literacy program in their local area.

Fee: None

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS CLEARINGHOUSE (NIDCD)

1 Communication Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20892-3456

TTY: 800-241-1055; Voice: 800-241-1044
Fax: 301-907-8977

www.nidcd.nih.gov

E-mail: nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

Services: Collects and disseminates information materials about hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. Serves health professionals, patients, industry, and the public.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

Voice: 202-707-5100; TDD: 202-707-0744
Fax: 202-707-0712

www.loc.gov/nls

E-mail: nls@loc.gov

Services: A national library service that provides recorded and Braille books and magazines on free loan to anyone who cannot read standard print because of permanent or temporary visual or physical disabilities.

Fee: None

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY

910 16th Street N W, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20006

Voice: 202-293-5960; TTY: 202-293-5968
Fax: 202-293-7999

www.nod.org

E-Mail: ability@ nod.org

Services: Provides information about resources necessary for living with a disability. No direct services, but useful information and links on website.

NATIONAL REHABILITATION INFORMATION CENTER (NARIC)

4200 Forbes Blvd., Suite 202
Lanham, MD 20706-4829

Voice: 800-364-2742, 301-459-5900
TTY: 301-459-5984

www.naric.com

E-mail: naricinfo@heitechservices.com

Services: A library and information center that collects and disseminates information about disability and rehabilitation. Provides information and referral services, including quick information and referral, data base searches of the bibliographic data base REHABDATA, and document delivery. NARIC also publishes the NIDRR Program Directory. Also produces resource guides on specific disabilities, including spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, and stroke.

Fee: Nominal fee for searches and photocopies

NETWORK OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE (NOVA)

16 N. Franklin Street, Suite 105
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-348-5664
Hotline: 800-675-6900 24 hours a day

www.novabucks.org

E-Mail: novainfo@novabucks.org

Services: 24-Hour crisis intervention via hotline for crime victims and family members; accompaniment to emergency rooms, police interviews and all court proceedings; short-term individual and group counseling; advocacy; information and referrals for community resources including aid in filing for crime victim's compensation, school and community educational programs on issues related to personal safety, including special programs for individuals with disabilities.

Fee: None

OFFICE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
State of Pennsylvania

1110 Labor and Industry Building
1521 N. 6th Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Voice, TTY, PA only: 800-233-3008

Voice/TTY: 717-783-4912

E-Mail: dKeiser@dli.state.pa.us

Services: Advocacy for acceptance of people who are deaf or hard of hearing in education, employment, social services, the arts, community affairs, and government; clearinghouse for information about deafness and hearing loss; encouragement for the resolution of problems regarding accessibility through discussion, education, mediation. Provides information, referral, and advocacy.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, BUREAU OF BLINDNESS AND VISUAL SERVICES (BVS)

444 N. 3rd Street, 5th floor
Philadelphia, PA 19123

215-560-5700; Fax: 215-560-5383

Central Office
Rm. 1308, Labor & Industry Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

717-787-6176

Services: Provides social and rehabilitative services to enable blind and visually impaired persons to become independent.

Eligibility: 20/70 or less visual acuity with best correction in better eye, primary disability visual, resident of Pennsylvania.

Fee: Contact for information

OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (OVR)

1875 New Hope Street
Norristown, PA 19401

800-221-1042; 484-250-4340

TTY: 484-250-4357; Fax: 484-250-4356

www.state.pa.us/ovr

Labor and Industry Building, Room 1300
Seventh and Forster Streets
Harrisburg, PA 17120

717-787-6005

Services: *Diagnostic Services:* Medical, psychological, occupational, and educational tests used to determine eligibility and need for specific types of services.
Counseling and Guidance: Helps select vocational goals (and make realistic plans to attain them).
Restoration: Comprehensive medical, psychological, and allied services to minimize the effect of the handicapping condition on a person's ability to work.
Training: Development of job skills through vocational and technical schools, universities, on-the-job training, or rehabilitation workshops.
Hiram G. Andrews Center: Comprehensive rehabilitation services, including vocational assessment, training, and medical services on a residential or commuting basis.
Independent Living Services: Provides the means for persons to become more self-sufficient and thereby makes possible the pursuit of future vocational goals.
Placement: Development of job-seeking skills and locating employment opportunities.
Post Employment Services: Aid in job adjustment.
Eligibility: Presence of a disability, the disability is a handicap to employment, and there is reasonable expectation that services will result in employment.
Fee: No charge for diagnostic services and vocational evaluation. Physical restoration, training, counseling, and job placement assistance may require a contribution which is based on a sliding scale.

PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK (PEN)

2107 Industrial Highway
York, PA 17402

Voice/TTY: 800-522-5827
Fax: 717-600-8101

www.parentednet.org

E-Mail: pen@parentednet.org

Services: Individual consultation, workshops, and publications regarding transition planning, employment. higher education, and living supports. Publishes *Transition - Preparation for Adult Living: A Guide for Parents* and *Finding a Job.*

Eligibility: Parents of and individuals with disabilities

Fee: None

PARENT TO PARENT OF PA.

6340 Flank Drive, Suite 600
Harrisburg, PA 17112

800-986-4550
Fax: 717-657-5983

www.parenttoparent.org

E-Mail: parent2parent@southstar.org

Services: Linking families and friends of children and adults with special needs. Provides technical assistance to local support groups.

Fee: None

PENN STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION/ BUCKS COUNTY

Neshaminy Manor Center
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-3283

www.bucks.extension.psu.edu

E-Mail: BucksExt@psu.edu

Services: Provides information on agricultural, youth development and family living subjects and teaches people how to make use of this information. Advice available to families on nutrition, training for child care providers, and 4-H and youth development.

PENNRIDGE FISH
Box 9 215-257-2911
Perkasie, PA 18944

Services: Food, clothing, overnight housing (1 night), emergency help with rent/utilities.

Eligibility: Must live in the Pennridge School District area, not in subsidized housing

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND
931 N. Front Street 717-920-9999
Harrisburg, PA 17102

E-Mail: pcbl@paonline.com

Services: Helps blind and visually impaired individuals learn independent travel, care for personal needs, get involved in social and recreational activities, get information about employment opportunities and benefits. Provides advocacy services.

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Forum Building, Room 561 717-783-1145
Harrisburg, PA 17120-1007

www.paddc.org E-Mail: info@paddc.org

Services: A federally funded, Governor-appointed planning body that designs and gives grants for an array of demonstration, advocacy and research activities related to the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their familles. The grants are designed to build the capacities of services, effect change in the services people use, and advocate for both improved capacity and system change. Also provides public policy information and some information and referral services.

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

711 State Office Building
1400 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

215-560-2496

www.phrc.state.pa.us

Services: Receives, investigates and conciliates complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, and places of public accommodations because of race, religion, national origin, age (over 40), sex, ancestry, or disability.

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY, INC.

1414 N. Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17103

Voice : 800-692-7443; TTY: 87-375-7139
Fax: 717-263-0192

www.ppainc.org

E-Mail: ppa@ppainc.org

Services: Federally mandated system responsible for providing protection and advocacy for individuals with disabilities who reside in Pennsylvania.

Eligibility: Resident of Pennsylvania

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

215-951-4700, 215-951-4701; TTY: 215-951-4703
Fax: 215-951-4708

www.psd.org

E-Mail: info@psd.org

Services: Provides a variety of educational and social services for deaf individuals of all ages and their families, including "Deaf Adult Literacy Program," early intervention services, and a new Deaf and Hard of Hearing Job Center. Sign Language and speech reading courses are offered for a fee.

Fee: None

PENNSYLVANIA TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION, INC.

132 W. Middle Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325-1208

800-990-3300; 717-337-1134

www.patourettesyndrome.org

E-Mail: MLRPATSA@earthlink.net

Services: Provides information, referral and advocacy services. Support groups meet throughout the Philadelphia suburban area; see website for calendar.

Fee: None

PHILADELPHIA CENTER FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

10360 Drummond Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Treatment Access Center: 215-877-2000
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

215-632-6400; TDD: 215-632-6645

Fax: 215-632-9304

Services: Comprehensive mental health services to children, adolescents, adults, and families. Treatment modalities include individual, group, psychotherapy, partial hospital services. Special treatment programs are available for the dually diagnosed, the deaf and hearing impaired, and victims of abuse.

Fee: Flexible

QUAKERTOWN FOOD PANTRY

515 South West End Boulevard
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-0240

Services: Provides emergency food to needy individuals and families

Fee: None

REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF, INC.

333 Commerce Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Voice: 703-838-0030; TTY: 703-838-0459
Fax: 703-838-0454

www.rid.org

Services: A professional organization that certifies interpreters, provides information on interpreting to the general public, publishes a national directory of certified interpreters, and makes referrals to interpreter agencies.

RIVERSIDE CARE - BUCKS COUNTY

1609 Woodbourne Road, Suite 403
Levittown, PA 19057

215-945-7100
Fax: 215-945-6994

Services: Drug and alcohol outpatient services for adults and adolescents. Riverside is part of Eagleville Foundation. Clients participate in group, individual, and family care.

Fee: Variable

ROBERT M. KELLY FAMILY CENTER OF BRISTOL BOROUGH

408 Mill Street
Bristol, PA 19007

215-781-6602

Services: Coordinated health, education, employment and social services on site in the community and in residents' homes through collaboration with over 40 agencies.

Fee: Sliding scale

ROCKHILL MENNONITE COMMUNITY

3250 State Road
Sellersville, PA 18960

215-257-2751
Fax: 215-257-7390

www.rmc.org

Services: Continuing care retirement community featuring apartments for residents living independently, spacious studios for assisted living, and JCAHO accredited skilled nursing facility with strong rehabilitative program. Adult day services providing full or partial day program for disabled or older adults living in the greater community.

Fee: Varies with service provided

SELF HELP FOR HARD-OF- HEARING PEOPLE (SHHH)

8 Azalea Lane
Media, PA 19063

V/TTY: 610-565-2699
Fax: 610-566-7854

E-Mail: finisdore@aol.com

Services: Brings together hard-of-hearing people in local groups to "Help, Hope, Happiness."

Fee: Membership dues

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

444 Lincoln Highway
Fairless Hills, PA 19030
800-772-1213

1251 South Cedar Crest Blvd., Suite 204
Allentown, PA 18103
610-433-1773

Services: Administration of the Social Security Disability Insurance Program and the Supplemental Security Income Program; provides cash and health benefits for the blind and the disabled.

Eligibility: Programs have different eligibility criteria

Fee: None

SPEAKING FOR OURSELVES

502 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 550
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

610-825-4592; Bulletin Board: 800-867-3330
Fax: 610-825-4595

www.speaking.org

Services: Advocacy for disabled adults

Fee: None

SPECIAL KIDS NETWORK

1901 Old Homestead Lane
Lancaster, PA 17605-0485

800-986-4550
Fax: 717-509-4858

www.health.state.pa.us/skn

Services: Information, support, and referral about individuals with special needs.

Fee: None

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY, INC.

P.O. Box 468
Media, PA 19036

800-223-0222
Fax: 610-872-9294

www.sbadv.org

Services: Volunteer organization designed to help families in the Delaware Valley with a loved one who has Spina Bifida. Support offered through educational, financial assistance and patient outreach programs.

Fee: None

ST. LUKE'S QUAKERTOWN HOSPITAL

1021 Park Avenue
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-538-4500

www.slhn.org

E-Mail: rexs@slhn.org

Services: Acute care hospital (JCAH accredited) offering medical, surgical, and emergency services including kidney dialysis, cardiac rehab, physical and occupational medicines and rehabilitation, respiratory therapy, and community education programs.

Fee: Varies

SUICIDE AND CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

One Reading Center
1101 Market Street, 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107-2907

215-686-4420

E-Mail: carol.ulmer@phil.gov

Services: 24-Hour telephone counseling of people who are in crisis, including persons having suicidal feelings.

Fee: None

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

26 Pumpkin Hill Road
Levitttown, PA 19056
215-945-0661

Upper Bucks Area
Non-published address
215-536-5143

http://region.philly.com/community/sos

Services: Support group meetings for family and friends who have lost someone through suicide. Call for information, times and location.

Fee: None

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE DEAF, INC. (TDI)

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 604
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3803

Voice: 301-589-3786; TTY: 301-589-3006
Fax: 301-589-3797

www.tdi-online.org

E-Mail: tdiexdir@aol.com

Services: Addresses issues related to telecommunications accessibility. In addition to publishing the National Directory of TTY Numbers, TDI is a non-profit membership organization providing information and assistance on telecommunication issues. The quarterly newsletter, GA-SK, features articles about visual telecommunications such as relay services, captioning, and 911 accessibility. TDI works frequently with government agencies and other disability organizations to ensure that the telecommunications industry continues to improve its services to the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech- impaired communities.

TODAY, INC.

P.O. Box 908
Newtown, PA 18940
215-968-4713; Fax: 215-968-8742

3103 Hulmeville Road
Bensalem, PA 19020
215-244-7607; Fax: 215-244-7867

www.todayinc.org

Services: Residential treatment of substance abuse among youth and young adults. Outpatient, re-entry, family therapy and prevention/outreach services.

Fee: Varies

TWELVE KEYS CLUB, INC.

700 New Rodgers Road
P.O. Box 2097
Bristol, PA 19007

215-788-9920

Services: Alcoholics Anonymous clubhouse that provides support tot he greater Levittown Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. Provides a place for alcoholics to attend meetings and recover. 26 meetings held per week. 7:00 AM - 2:00 AM, seven days a week.

Fee: None

UCP OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

102 East Mermaid Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19118

215-242-4200

www.ucpphila.org

Services: Vocational evaluation service; job counseling, training, placement services; supported employment; contract shop employment; social and recreation programs for teens through adult; adult day program; psychiatric-partial hospital; information, referral and information outreach; respite care service; community social service; independent living training; community living arrangements; student field work placement; community education; volunteer programs.

Fee: Varies

UNITED WAY OF BUCKS COUNTY

413 Hood Boulevard
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

215-949-1660; 215-348-4810
215-538-1266; Fax: 215-949-0373

www.uwbcpa.org

Services: Mobilizes community resources to address critical human service needs of Bucks County. Provides comprehensive planning, coordination, and community building services along with social service agencies, school districts, the business community, and state and county government. First Call for Help-Information and Referral program.

Fee: None

VALLEY CENTER, INC. - Northwestern Human Services

400 North Broad Street
Lansdale, PA 19446

215-368-2022; Fax: 215-855-6454

Partial Hospitalization
200 N. Chestnut Street
Lansdale, PA 19446

215-362-7955

Services: Provides day program services for adults and outpatient psychiatric services for adults and children living in the North Penn area.

Fee: Sliding scale; medical assistance accepted

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOMELESS, INC.

2801 Avenue E
Newportville, PA 19056

215-788-3000
Fax: 215-788-2333

http://community.phillyburb.com/home/vhi

Services: Emergency food, clothing, security deposits, emergency fuel oil, and referral services

Fee: None

WARMINSTER HOSPITAL

225 Newtown Road
Warminster, PA 18974

215-441-6600

www.warminsterhospital.com

Emergency Assessment Services: 215-441-6770
Medical Detoxification: 215-441-6770
Adult & Geriatric Psychiatric Center: 215-441-6770

Services: Offers skilled emergency care, outpatient surgical procedures and bloodless medical and surgical procedures. Inpatient behavioral health services for adults and geriatric patients, medical detoxification, group and individual therapy, aftercare planning, referral and 12-step programs. Other specialties include a women's health center, advanced treatment for allergies and sinus pain, joint replacement program, cardiac care, including catheterizations and rehabilitation.

Fee: Varies

WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)
Bucks County Department of Health

1282 Almshouse Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

215-345-3494; Fax: 215-340-8456

2546 Knights Road
Bensalem, PA 19020

215-244-2674; Fax: 215-245-8895

Bucks County Government Service Center
515 South West End Boulevard
Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-6500; Fax: 215-536-1243

7321 New Falls Road
Levittown, PA 19055

215-949-5815; Fax: 215-949-5819

Services: Open to pregnant, breast feeding women, infants, and children up to age 5. Provides nutritional, educational, supplemental foods, and infant formula. Must be nutritionally eligible.

Fee: Must be financially eligible. No fee.

BUCKS COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUCKS COUNTY SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE UNIT #22

705 Shady Retreat Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
215-348-2940; 1-800-770-4822
www.bucksiu.org

Services: A regional educational agency that serves as a bridge between local school districts and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the BCIU is committed to serving the needs of the students within the 13 school districts and 60 nonpublic schools in Bucks County. It provides services by assisting schools in staff development, educational technology, and curriculum development; complementing educational programs such as preschool, special needs and gifted education, and adult learning; and consolidating resources to gain economies for local school districts and communities.
Within the BCIU's special education programs, transition services are offered in accordance with federal and state mandates. Activities available include, but are not limited to, vocational assessment and guidance, vocational training, work experience, supported employment, development of independent living skills, community-based instruction, and exploration of post-secondary employment, education and/or training options. Parents are a necessary and valuable part of the transition process and their participation is strongly encouraged. Each student's IEP conference will include discussion about transition planning beginning at age 14.
The IU offers school districts information and staff development opportunities regarding transition through I.D.E.A. monies. Consultation and training is available in topics such as IEPs involving transition, curriculum development, postsecondary and school-based objectives, the roles of community agencies, job development and placement, supported employment, preparing students for postsecondary education and/or training, and financial issues and benefits, among others.

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CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Toll-Free Directory Assistance	800-555-1212
ABLEDATA	800-227-0216
ACCESS ERIC	800-LET-ERIC 800-538-3742
AIDS Information Hotline	800-342-2437
AMC Cancer Information	800-525-3777
American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR)	800-424-3688
American Council of the Blind	800-424-8666
American Diabetes Association	800-232-3472
American Council of the Blind	800-424-8666
American Foundation for the Blind	800- AFBLIND 800-232-5463
American Institute of Architects	800-365-2724
American Kidney Fund	800-638-8299
American Liver Foundation	800-223-0179
American Printing House for the Blind, Inc. (APH)	800-233-1839
American Society for Deaf Children	800-942-2732
American Speech-Language Hearing Association	800-638-8255 (Voice/TT)
Americans with Disabilities Act Information Line at the Dept. of Justice	800-514-0301 800-514-0383 (TT)
American Trauma Society	800-556-7890
Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board)	800-872-2253 (Voice/TT)
Better Hearing Institute	800-327-9355
Birthright International	800-550-4900
Brain Injury Family Hotline of America	800-444-6443

Bucks County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence	800-221-6333
Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22	800-770-4822
Bucks County Lawyer Referral Service	888-991-9922, ext. 102
Bucks County Pregnancy Center	800-497-8378
Captioned Media Program	800-237-6213 (V/TDD)
CDC/National AIDS Clearinghouse	800-458-5231 800-243-7012 (TT)
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder	800-233-4050
Christopher Reeves Paralysis Association	800-225-0292
Chronicle Student Aid Annual	800-622-7284
Client Assistance Programs	888-745-2357
Commonwealth Information Center	800-932-0784
Consumer Product Safety Commission (U.S.)	800-638-2772
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	800-344-4823
Deaf-Hearing Communication Center, Inc., PA Relay Service	800-654-5988
Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of State Parks	800-637-2757
DHHS Inspector General's Fraud Hotline	800-269-0271
DHHS MH/MR Fraud Hotline	800-447-8477
Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers	800-949-4232
Educational Resources Information Center (ACCESS ERIC)	800-LET-ERIC
Epilepsy Foundation of America	800-332-1000 800-332-2070 (TT)
ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult Career and Vocational Education	800-848-4815
ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Education	800-328-0272
ERIC Clearinghouse on Higher Education	800-773-3742

Federal Student Aid Information Center	800-433-3243 800-730-8913 (TT)
Foundation Center	800-424-9836
Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.	800-548-4337
HEATH Resource Center	800-544-3284
Huntingdon's Disease Society	800-345-4372
IBM Independence Series Information Center	800-426-4832 800-426-4833 (TT)
Immune Deficiency Foundation	800-296-4433
International Dyslexia Society	800-222-3123
International Hearing Society	800-521-5247
International Shriners Headquarters	800-237-5055
Job Accommodations Network (JAN)	800-526-7234
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation	800-223-1138
Library of Congress Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	800-424-8567
Library Reproduction Service (LRS)	800-255-5002
Life Services for the Handicapped, Inc.	800-995-0066
Lions Eye Bank of the Delaware Valley	800-462-1011
Literacy Hotline Contact Center	800-228-8813
LUNGLINE	800-222-5864
Lupus Foundation of America	800-558-0121
Mid-Atlantic ADA Information Center	800-949-4232 (Voice/TT)
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation	800-441-7055
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)	800-950-6264
National Alliance of Blind Students (NABS)	800-424-8666
National Association for Sickle Cell Disease	800-421-8453
National Cancer Institute Information Service	800-422-6237

National Captioning Institute	800-533-9673 800-321-8337 (TT)
National Center for Stuttering	800-221-2483
National Clearinghouse of Rehabilitation Training Materials	800-223-5219
National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education	800-641-7824
National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	800-344-4823
National Down Syndrome Congress	800-232-6372
National Down Syndrome Society	800-221-4602
National Easter Seal Society	800-221-6827
National Fragile X Foundation	800-688-8765
National Health Information Center (NHIC)	800-336-4797
National Helplines (substance abuse information)	800-662-4357
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Handicaps (NICHCY)	800-695-0285 (Voice/TT)
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Clearinghouse	800-241-1044 800-241-1055 (TT)
National Mental Health Consumer Self-Help Clearinghouse	800-553-4539
National Multiple Sclerosis Society	800-344-4867
National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc.	800-999-6673
National Parkinson Foundation	800-327-4545
National Rehabilitation Information Center (NARIC)	800-346-2742 (Voice/TT)
National Runaway Hotline	800-231-6946
National Spinal Cord Injury Association	800-962-9629
Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA)	800-675-6900
North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, Inc.	800-369-7433
Occupational Hearing Services (OHS)	800-222-EARS
Paralyzed Veterans of America	800-424-8200

Parent Education Network	800-522-5827
Parent to Parent of PA	800-986-4550
Pennsylvania Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired	800-233-3008
Pennsylvania Protection and Advocacy Agency	800-692-7443
Pennsylvania State Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)	800-221-1042
Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.	800-990-3300
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Inc. (RFB)	800-221-4792
S A Arts	800-933-8721
Simon Foundation (incontinence)	800-237-4666
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213 800-325-0778 (TT)
Special Kids Network	800-986-4550
Spina Bifida Association of Delaware Valley	800-223-0222
Spina Bifida Association of America	800-621-3141
Stuttering Foundation of America	800-992-9392
Today, Inc.	800-258-6329 (PA only)
Toughlove International	800-333-1069
Tourette's Syndrome Association	800-237-0717
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance.	800-CAL-NTSA
United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.	800-872-5827 (Voice/TT)

GLOSSARY

ACCESSIBLE - When individuals with disabilities are able to arrive at a facility, enter it, and move about inside the building with little or no assistance.

ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT - Specially designed equipment or devices that help individuals with disabilities function effectively in performing tasks.

ADULT DAY CARE - also called **ADULT DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (ADT)** and **FACILITY BASED ADULT DEVELOPMENT TRAINING** - Programs designed to facilitate the acquisition of pre-vocational, behavioral, and independent living skills. ADT programs concentrate on cognitive development, communication development, physical development, and pre-vocational skills development.

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ADULT SERVICE PROVIDER – An agency that provides services to individuals with disabilities after they have graduated from school. The services can include, but are not limited to, service coordination, residential services or employment support. The adult service provider may become involved in the final months of the transition process to insure a seamless change of supports.

ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS - Individuals who represent and support the interests and causes of a specific individual or group of people, as in the case of advocacy groups who support the rights of individuals with disabilities.

AFFIRMATIVE INDUSTRY - A business/industry whose primary goal is to provide employment for persons with disabilities. It is operated as a business enterprise in which disabled and non-disabled employees work together to carry out the functions of the business. On-the-job training of disabled, as well as non-disabled, employees is the primary type of training provided.

APHASIA - A disorder caused by disease or injury to the brain resulting in the loss or impairment of the ability to produce or comprehend language. It may affect either written or spoken language.

ASSESSMENT - The process of determining the strengths, abilities, interests, and/or learning styles of an individual.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY - Equipment and assistive aids which enable people to increase their level of self-sufficiency.

ATTENDANT SERVICES - Programs that provide assistance for people with disabilities who need help in activities of daily living.

AUTISM/PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER - A developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and nonverbal communication and social interaction, generally evident before age 3, that adversely affects a child's educational performance. Other characteristics often associated with autism are engagement in repetitive activities and stereotyped movements, resistance to environmental change or change in daily routines,

and unusual responses to sensory experiences. The term does not apply if a child's educational performance is adversely affected primarily because the child has an emotional disturbance.

BLINDNESS OR VISUAL IMPAIRMENT - A visual impairment that adversely affects the educational or occupational performance of the person. Determination of visual impairment shall include a full assessment and comprehensive report by an eye specialist specifying the nature and degree of the impairment.

CAREER - Consists of occupational, social, leisure, and interpersonal roles. Occupations are only a part of one's career.

CAREER ASSESSMENT - Determining the strengths, abilities, learning styles, interests, and motivation of a student for the various roles he/she will play throughout life, such as student, worker, spouse, parent, and community resident.

CAREER EDUCATION - The process of systematically coordinating all school, family, and community components together to facilitate each individual's potential for economic, social and personal fulfillment and participation in productive work activities that benefit the individual or others.

COMMUNITY - A general term that in many situations refers to more than a town or city. It refers to individuals in a specific geographical area where individuals work together, socialize together, support each other, and are involved in the area in which they live.

COMMUNITY-BASED INSTRUCTION - A form of instruction in which goals are met in a "natural", age-appropriate setting. For example: travel training, social skills, and leisure skills.

COMMUNITY LIVING ARRANGEMENT (CLA) - Funded by the Bucks County Department of MH/MR, CLAs provide community-based residential services to individuals with disabilities.

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY (CRF) – Any community living situation which supports individuals with disabilities, including CLAs (Community Living Arrangements), PLFs (Private Licensed Facility), ICF/MRs (Intermediate Care Facility for individuals with mental retardation) and Supported Living.

COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT - Employment in a community-based job. The term implies that the worker's performance must conform to the established standards within the work site. Workers are paid at the prevailing wage.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - A formal written agreement between two or more agencies stipulating the responsibilities of each agency in relation to the cooperative program it is implementing.

COUNSELING - Regularly scheduled goal-oriented intervention that is responsive to the decision-making needs of the individual with disabilities or his/her family. The primary focus of this intervention is solving interpersonal problems such as disability acceptance, over-anxiety, over-protection, and the ability to cope with daily demands, which result from the client's disability.

DAILY LIVING SKILLS - These are skills learned that encompass various abilities such as ability to count money, participate in work and social activities, and live as independently in the community as possible.

DEAF-BLINDNESS – Concomitant hearing and visual impairments, the combination of which causes such severe communication and other developmental and educational needs

that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.

DEAFNESS - A hearing impairment that is so severe that the child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, that adversely affects a child's educational performance.

EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE - A condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree, which adversely affects educational performance. It involves difficulty in learning which cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory or health factors; an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers; inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances; a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; and/or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems. The term includes schizophrenia. It does not include students who are socially maladjusted, unless it is determined that they have an emotional disturbance.

EMPLOYMENT - The work in which one is engaged for pay or other compensation.

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING - Training an individual in a business/industry situation prior to actual employment. The training is designed to prepare the individual for employment in that situation or in a similar situation in another business/industry environment. In an employment training program the employer/employee relationship is usually between the employee and the vocational training facility rather than business/industry.

ENCLAVE - A group of individuals with disabilities who are employed by a business/industry to perform a specific type of job on-site while working along side an individual who is not disabled. A typical example is performing a specific function on the assembly line of an industry.

FACILITY BASED ADULT DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (ADT) - Programs designed to facilitate the acquisition of pre-vocational, behavioral, and independent living skills. ADT programs, also called **ADULT TRAINING FACILITY** or **ADULT DAY CARE**, concentrate on cognitive development, communication development, physical development, and pre-vocational skills development.

FACILITY BASED VOCATIONAL TRAINING - Programs designed to provide remunerative developmental and vocational training within a community-based specialized facility (sheltered workshop), using work as the primary modality. Vocational facility programs include vocational evaluation, personal work adjustment training, work activity training, regular work training, occupational training, and sheltered employment.

FAMILY LIVING - When an individual with disabilities resides in a family environment. This may be utilized as a transition period between living with parents or relatives and group home living.

GROUP/PERSONAL CARE HOMES - Programs that provide an alternative living environment for individuals who need custodial or developmental care.

HEARING IMPAIRMENT – An impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child's educational performance.

INDEPENDENT LIVING - A living situation for those individuals who can maintain or remain in an essentially unsupervised living situation. Participation in a community resource may be needed to sustain their level of independence.

INTERAGENCY COOPERATION - Two or more agencies, such as a school and welfare agency, cooperating to meet the needs of an individual.

JOB COACHING - The process of providing intensive task-related training and promoting social skills interaction with non-disabled peers at a job site within supported employment. The job coach is the liaison between the employer, the employee, and the agency.

JOB TRAINING PLACEMENT ACT (JTPA) - Legislation passed in 1984 to provide training and employment to special needs adults.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES - Activities that provide relaxation and entertainment performed at one's convenience.

LIFE SKILLS - These skills relate to understanding oneself, discovering one's potential to solve problems and make decisions, becoming an independent person, and interacting appropriately with others.

MENTAL RETARDATION – Significantly sub-average general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period, that adversely affects a child's educational performance.

MOBILE WORK FORCE - Teams of clients/trainees conduct service activities away from a rehabilitation agency. The agency contracts with an outside organization or business to perform maintenance, lawn care, janitorial services or similar tasks and the trainees are paid by the agency. A training/job supervisor from the agency accompanies each crew on their service activities. The employer/employee relationship is between the rehabilitation agency and client/trainees.

MULTIPLE DISABILITIES – Concomitant impairments (such as mental retardation-blindness, mental retardation-orthopedic impairment, etc.), the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that a child cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. The term does not include deaf-blindness.

NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT (traumatic brain injury) – An injury to the brain, as identified by a neurological examination, resulting in behavior or learning disorders, or both. Persons whose behavior and learning disorders are primarily the result of visual, hearing or motor handicaps, mental retardation, emotional factors, or environmental disadvantage are not neurologically impaired. The term does not include minimal brain dysfunction (see specific learning disability).

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING - Instruction by the employer or a job coach in the performance of a job given to an employed individual with a disability during the usual working hours.

ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENT – A severe orthopedic impairment that adversely affects a child's educational performance. The term includes impairments caused by congenital anomaly (e.g. clubfoot, absence of some member, etc.), impairments caused by disease (e.g. poliomyelitis, bone tuberculosis, etc.) and impairments from other causes (e.g. cerebral palsy, amputations, and fractures or burns that cause contractures).

OTHER HEALTH IMPAIRMENTS – Having limited strength, vitality or alertness, including a heightened alertness to environmental stimuli, that results in limited alertness with respect to the educational environment, that is due to chronic or acute health problems such as asthma, attention deficit disorder or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, diabetes, epilepsy, a heart condition, hemophilia, lead poisoning, leukemia, nephritis, rheumatic fever, and sickle-cell anemia. This must adversely affect a child's educational performance.

PHYSICAL DISABILITY - A functional limitation which affects one or more of the following: physical mobility, speech or other forms of non-vocal communication, writing, arm and hand movement, eye and head movement, or one or more of the precursor developmental steps which lead up to full attainment of these skills.

PLF - Private licensed facility

POST SECONDARY - The time period after a student leaves school after graduating or aging out.

PRE-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION - The vocational/career awareness and exploration activities that precede formal vocational preparation. Pre-vocational education includes vocational evaluation, although evaluation does not necessarily stop when vocational preparation begins.

PROVIDER - Any agency that provides services utilized in the transition process.

RECREATION - Activities that are not work-related and which are selected purely for an individual's enjoyment.

RECREATIONAL AIDS - Equipment that has been modified to enhance the ability of disabled people to participate in leisure time activities.

REHABILITATION - Process of restoring to a person the condition of good health and/or useful and constructive activity.

RESPITE CARE - Programs that offer temporary living arrangements for dependent individuals that provide a brief period of rest for their regular caretakers.

SELF-DETERMINATION – A set of principles driving an approach to planning, funding, and the provision of services to an individual and his/her family. These principles articulate a person's right to determine the course of his/her life. This process puts the decision-making and financial authority into the hands of the individual and his/her family.

SERVICE COORDINATION - Programs that develop care plans for individuals who are unable to arrange for services on their own behalf.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP - A facility designed to provide sheltered (noncompetitive) employment to individuals who have disabilities. Workshops are frequently categorized as terminal, transitional, or rehabilitative depending on purpose, function, and program.

SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITY – A disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or using language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself in an imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematical calculations, including conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. The term does not include learning problems that are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

SPEECH OR LANGUAGE IMPAIRMENT – A communication disorder, such as stuttering, impaired articulation, a language impairment, or a voice impairment, that adversely affects a child's educational performance.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT - Work in an integrated work site in which individuals with disabilities receive a variety of services, including short-term training and follow-up to ensure

continued employment. Support includes follow-up by a trainer, work site job coaching, supervision, environmental adaptations, and retraining. The employer/employee relationship is usually between the employee and the business/industry.

TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO WORK - An outcome-oriented process, encompassing a broad array of services and experiences, that leads to employment. Transition is a period that includes high school, the point of graduation, additional post-secondary education or adult services, and the initial years in employment. Transition is a bridge between the security and structure offered by the school and the opportunities and risks of adult life.

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY – An acquired injury to the brain caused by an external physical force, resulting in total or partial functional disability or psychosocial impairment, or both, that adversely affects a child's educational performance The term applies to open or closed head injuries resulting in impairments in one or more areas, such as cognition; language; memory; attention; reasoning; abstract thinking; judgment; problem-solving; sensory, perceptual and motor abilities; psychosocial behavior; physical functions; information processing; and speech. It does not apply to brain injuries that are congenital or degenerative, or to brain injuries induced by birth trauma.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING - Training which is given in schools or classes (including field or laboratory work and remedial or related academic and technical instruction) under public supervision and control or under contract with a state board or local education agency. The training is conducted as part of a program designed to prepare individuals for gainful employment as semiskilled or skilled workers or technicians or paraprofessionals in recognized occupations in advanced technical education programs. This excludes any program to prepare individuals for employment in occupations generally considered professional or which require a baccalaureate or higher degree.

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